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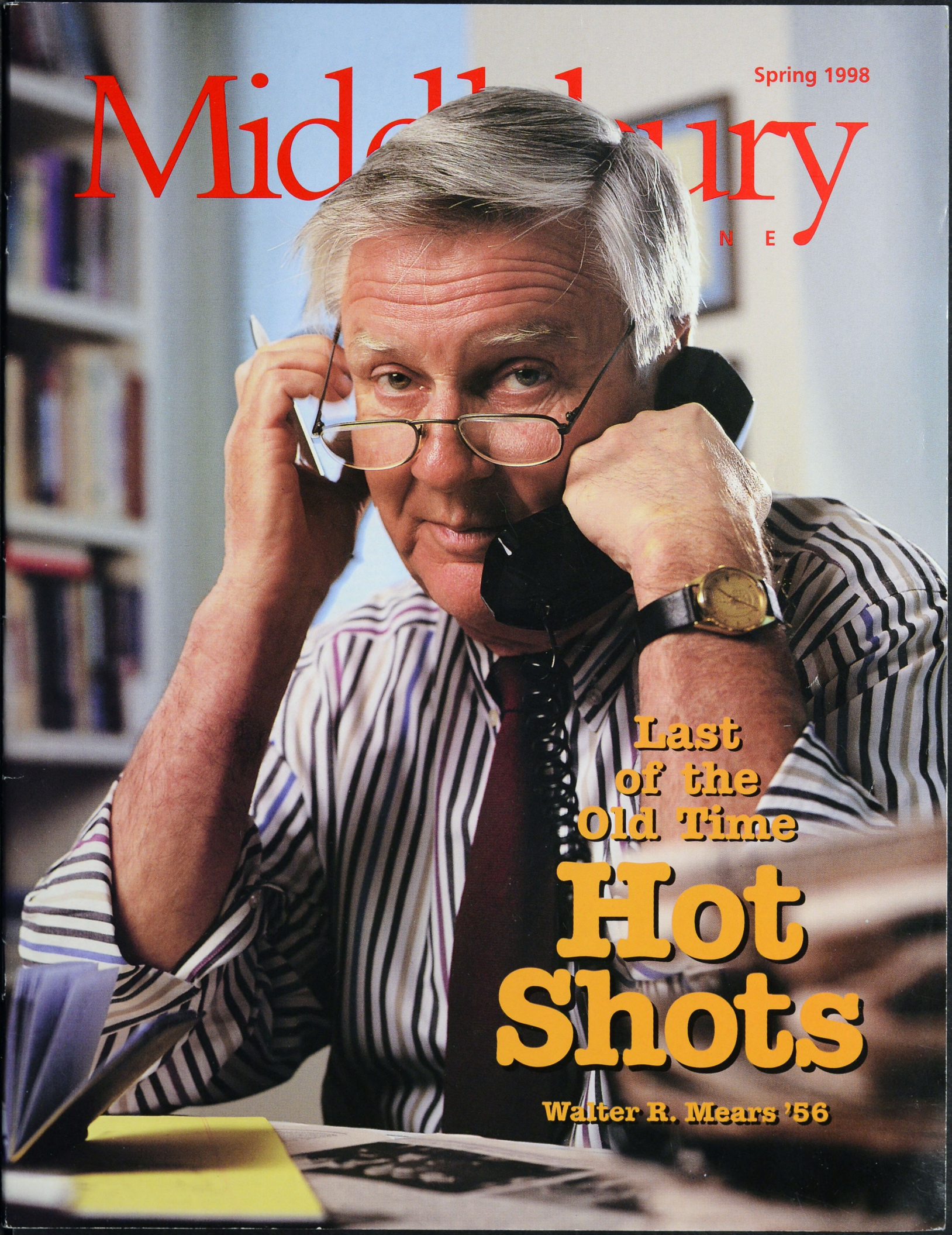

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DIFFERENT SCHOOL, DIFFERENT TEAM, SAME EDITOR

I am profoundly sports-impaired. I don't play sports, I don't watch sports, I don't understand sports. But in spite of this handicap I have had a remarkable effect on college sports. Consider this: When I edited the alumni magazine of the University of Massachusetts, the basketball team, the Minutemen, went from sad mediocrity to total dominance. In a few short years they became contenders for the NCAA Division I Championship. When they made the Final Four, the celebrities descended: Bill Cosby, Dr. J., even *Bill Clinton* appeared at games. The University built a fabulous new arena to showcase all this glory.

Unfortunately for the Minutemen, I accepted a job at Middlebury and soon after I left, the team began faltering. One player was caught taking a bribe, another was found with various illegal substances. A key player was kicked off the team, another left for the pros. Suddenly even the Sweet 16 was a sweet dream only. Coincidence? You tell me.

A few months after I arrived at Middlebury the hockey team stunned and thrilled the campus with their surprise win over Fredonia State, which propelled them into their first NCAA Division III Championship. Great news for the campus. Bad news for the editor. What did I know about hockey? Zip. What did I want to know about hockey? Zip. This sport was way too cold for me. I faked a short piece for the back cover and assumed that was the last hockey I'd have to write.

No such luck. The next year Midd amazed even its biggest fans by winning a second NCAA championship. This was no fluke. Another winning season, another school, the same editor. Hmm.

Year three brings Panther Pandemonium. Three consecutive wins and the Governor of Vermont suddenly appears, shaking hands with the players like they are movie stars. Coach Beaney becomes a celebrity. I vow to learn something about hockey. Next year. If I have to.

I had to. The season progressed with the singleminded forward momentum of a snowboarder bombing down the Allen. When I finally attended my first hockey game (ever), I found myself in the bleachers with the students, screaming "Fight Boys Fight" and jumping up and down. Of course I was just trying to keep warm.

It's quite a responsibility being the good luck charm for a team. I now make it my business to pick up crucial bits of hockey lore to inform my sports writing—like, hockey pucks are stored in buckets of snow—and I've learned that the Zamboni interlude provides an excellent break to sprint into the new natatorium and thaw out in the tropical warmth. I hear we won't have to be wearing parkas and blankets next year, though. Middlebury has broken ground on a new hockey rink. Sound familiar?

You don't have to thank me. Just hope that Williams doesn't get wind of this or *I* might get drafted to turn those Ephs around. ■ *RM*

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Freeman's Children Remember

We're truly grateful for your article in the winter issue celebrating our father Steve Freeman's nearly one hundred years of life, so much of which was devoted to and enriched by Middlebury College and town. In response to the references in the article to his strong-mindedness, we would like to add our perceptions of him. With us he was affectionate, positive, even-tempered, and often our family peacemaker. While he had strong and definite ideas, he was also an attentive and perceptive listener.

Perhaps most enduring is our recollection of him as an extraordinarily fun-loving man, a witty, irrepressible punster, who loved a good joke and a hearty laugh. He played games with us, took us for picnics, swims at the lake, and camping on the Long Trail, as well as on his and Mother's world travels to England, France, and North Africa. He made life zestful and interesting for us.

We feel that his main purpose in life is summarized in his 1968 address to the Modern Language Teachers Association conference. It was entitled "Let Us Build Bridges." His bridges were communication and understanding—in our family, in our community, around the globe, among various languages, cultures, and races. Now in his hundredth year, he eagerly continues this communication across four generations as he enjoys his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We do look to him to be our bridge across three centuries!

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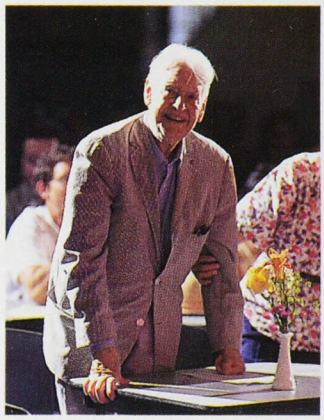

Stephen Freeman

Finding the Freeman Book

I truly enjoyed reading the most recent article on Stephen Freeman. I hope he does make it to 102!! As a foreign language master's degree grad from Middlebury, I would like to purchase and read his book *The Middlebury College Foreign Language Schools* but don't have the time to track it down. When was it published? And can I still purchase it? Love the magazine. Put more features in on summer school grads!

Terri Knoblauch Atkinson, M.A. Spanish '85
Avon, Connecticut

Stephen Freeman's book, The Middlebury College Foreign Language Schools *can be purchased through the College bookstore. Call 802-443-5334.*

Freeman's Significant Impact

I have finished the winter 1998 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, and I wanted to compliment you on the article on Dr. Stephen Freeman, on the eve of his hundredth birthday. I had the privilege of attending the French School in the summers of 1959, 1960, and 1963, and I remember Dr. Freeman. I was always impressed by his enthusiasm and support for the teaching of foreign languages. In 1963 we

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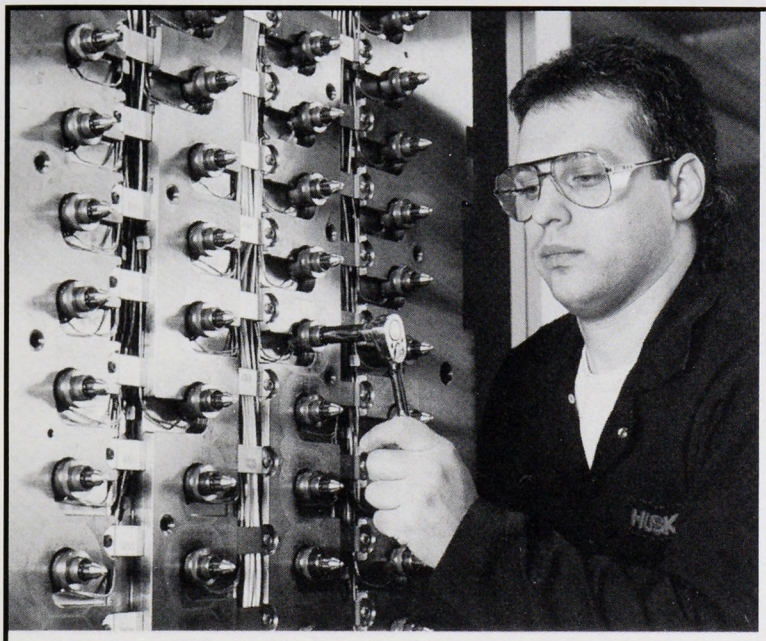

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moved from Pennsylvania to Iowa, where I was employed by the Iowa Department of Public Instruction (now the Department of Education) to serve as state foreign language consultant, the first person to serve in this capacity in Iowa. We returned to Vermont for the 1963 summer session, during which I observed and participated in course work that benefited me significantly in my new work assignment in Iowa.

As I reflected on the growth and development of the language programs at Middlebury College (and I recommended the school to every language teacher I met), I thought of the significant impact Dr. Freeman had on the programs over the years. Thus I enjoyed greatly the article, and I appreciate the editorial staff for selecting this time to recognize Dr. Freeman.

Orrin Nearhoof, French School '59, '60, '63
Des Moines, Iowa

Hill: Irritating

How ironic that the issue of *Middlebury Magazine* carrying Professor Richard Hill's carping criticism of Middlebury's academic direction and future should also include a telling excerpt for the *New York Times*: "The story placed Middlebury 'at the top' of Division III, and, uncharacteristically, the average score on the SATs is 1330, the male enrollment is 1,050, and athletic scholarships are unknown."

As a proud Middlebury graduate with the class of 1950, I am reasonably confident that today's education is considerably more rigorous than the one we received in the late 1940s and is more competitive with the best schools in the nation. (Many of us still savor fond memories of the insight and inspiration found in the stimulating American literature classes with Drs. Cook and Munford, coupled with Middlebury's sports achievements during our undergraduate years: NCAA National Ski Champions for one.)

This enthusiastic alumnus applauds the growing academic stature at Middlebury, coupled with the integrity of its competitive, small college sports program. "Kicking off" is an apt metaphor for launching Middlebury's 200-year program for growth and value, even at the risk of offending an individual professor's literary sensitivity and irritating his "Sport Phobia."

Thomas M. Divoll '50
Homosassa, Florida

Hill: Right On

I was quite taken by Professor Hill's letter which was printed in the winter 1998 edition. I cannot comment knowledgeably on most of the issues Professor Hill raises, since I have had no first-hand contact with Middlebury for many

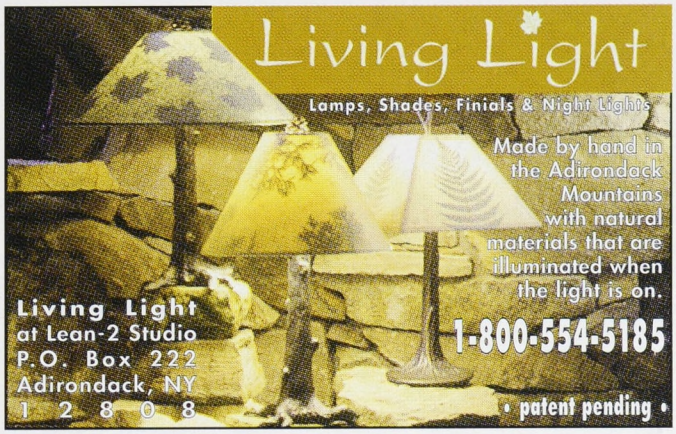
years. Yet having spent nearly three decades as an instructor at another college, I can report that everything that Professor Hill says resonates with my experience.

My reason for writing, however, is to comment on the one issue about which I consider myself well versed: the matter of "superior" faculty. My perception is that Middlebury has followed the course taken by most institutions of higher learning. Ever more impressive credentials are demanded of candidates for faculty positions. Once hired, instructors quickly learn that research and publication are the only two paths to glory (euphemistically called promotion and tenure in academia). Teaching? Well, it turns out that these successful grad school products, controlled by the credos of their disciplines, have little patience for the great unwashed masses. They crave students whose behaviors and attitudes match their own. They explain away their inability to motivate or orient the differently gifted by disclaiming responsibility for what they call "remedial services."

As Professor Hill points out, it was not always so. He recalls a number of truly great instructors of Middlebury's past, names that will surely be remembered widely, long after the authors of little-read research have passed into oblivion. To Professor Hill's list I would like to add three names based on my recollections of my own undergraduate days at Middlebury. None of these folks had doctorates, but all of them outshone most of the college professors I have met along my career.

Rose Martin was a master of the Spanish language, a language she loved dearly. She had the highest standards, but she cared for and nurtured all of her students. She was professional in every sense, but approachable and friendly toward all. Sadly, Rose would not be employable at Middlebury today, though today's students need her teaching competence and humanness even more than my generation did.

Catherine Centeno was passionately in love with everything Spanish. She was on a first-name basis with many members of the Spanish intelligentsia who graced the Middlebury Summer Spanish School. In her classes, her enthusiasm for Spanish literature, as well as her ability to broaden our understanding of the texts by drawing on her acquaintance with both writers and critics, awakened our desire to draw nearer to a culture seemingly so far from the green hills of Vermont. She invited us to her home, introduced us to Spanish cuisine, taught us how to engage in intelligent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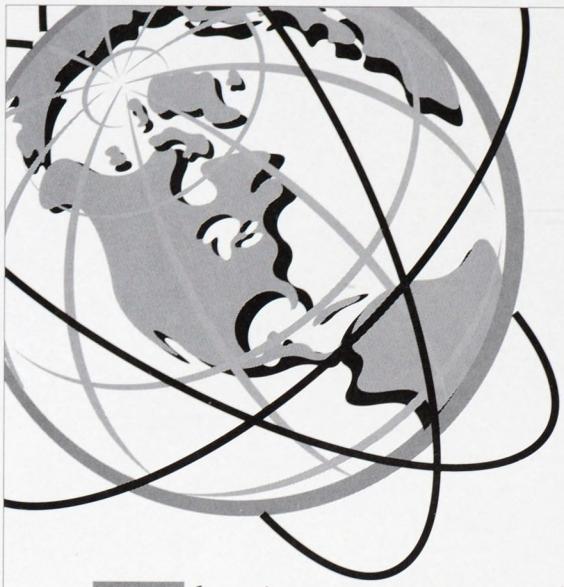

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conversation, revealed to us that teachers do have a life beyond the classroom, but, most of all, she showed us that she cared—about our learning, about our goals, about us. Yet this gifted instructor was a second-class citizen at Middlebury even then; she was never given faculty rank. Throughout her career she was exploited as a "lecturer." Today she would not even be granted an interview. How sad.

Everything important that I have learned about teaching I learned from Sam Guarnaccia. Though nearly 40 years have passed since I last sat in his classroom, I can still clearly see him walk proudly into the room, head held high, a big smile on his face and a warm greeting on his lips. His classes were always reflective of careful planning. They were charged with energy. Everyone was engaged in learning. The time passed so quickly that we were always surprised when Sam drew the lesson to a close. Sam, too, welcomed us to his home where we came to know his wife and children. From these beyond-the-classroom experiences we learned how our mentors integrated the life of the mind with the lives of body and spirit. Sam was the most accomplished teacher and adviser I had in my long years of formal education in a wide variety of academic settings. Yet Sam would not qualify for an appointment to the Middlebury faculty today.

So, Professor Hill, thank you for pointing out to all who read your letter that Middlebury is not necessarily getting better. While the College needs to keep striving, it would do well to be mindful of your comments and to take a closer look at what we might legitimately call its glorious past. If the current College community can come into an understanding of what excellence really is, then, perhaps, Middlebury will be "on its way." How exciting it would be if Middlebury were one day to choose the road not taken!

Donald N. Flemming '59, M.A. Spanish '69
Keene, New Hampshire

Bob Hill's letter inspired an essay by Guy Kettlehack '73. *See Educated Opinion, page 80.*

Flying Gourmet

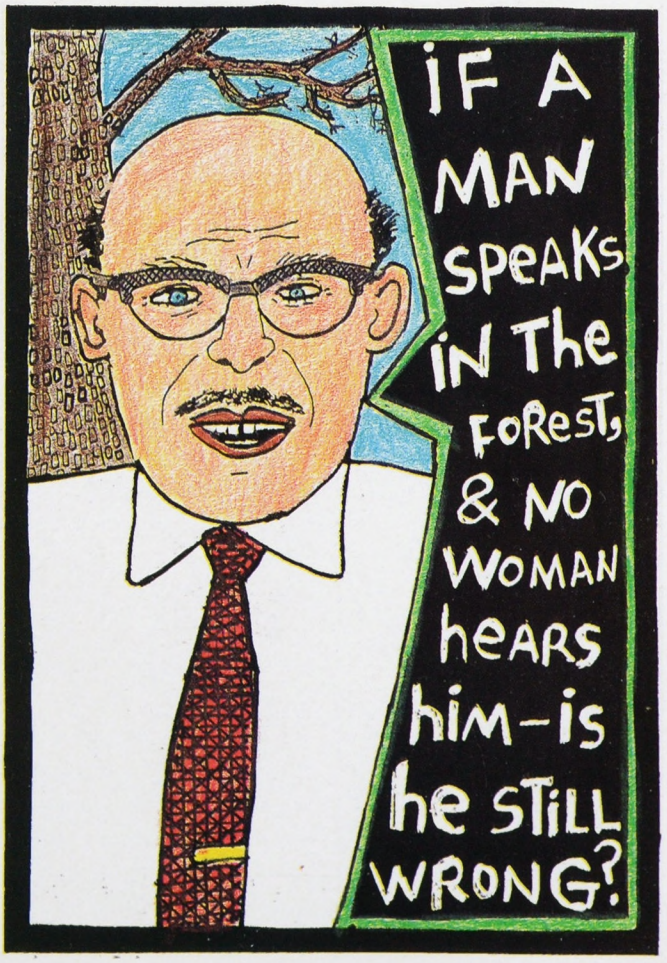
I fly between 25,000 and 50,000 miles per year. Only once in half a million miles of flying have I returned home and raved to my wife about a coach-class in-flight meal, specifically, an orange-glazed chicken. This event occurred last May and was, I discovered, the handiwork of a chef named Sheila Lukens. Though her name didn't mean much to me at the time, I was pleased to discover in the fall issue of this magazine that there is a Middlebury connection to my experience. Thanks for the warm and enjoyable article by Sheila's daughter.

Scott Helmers '73
Andover, Massachusetts

Two Words Missing: Midd Grad

A thousand thanks to Patricia Wright for her insightful article on yours truly and art quilts in the winter 1998 issue. There was one grievous omission I wanted to correct, however. Somehow, my experience at Middlebury got left out completely! So, lest anyone wonder why some "quilt guy" was featured in the magazine, I just want to make it clear that I was indeed a member of the Class of '73, and, lest the art department be slighted, also note that I took some wonderful art history courses at Middlebury, which provided me with a solid underpinning when my path unexpectedly veered from music to art in the 1990s.

As for my study of English (and American) literature, my dear friend and classmate Anna Warrock recently pointed out that I had managed to slip references to or from Blake, Joyce, Emerson, Melville, and Whitman into my books. They, and many other great minds I first encountered fully at Middlebury, are all still a



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vital part of my interior life, 25 years out. Thanks again.
Bob Shaw '73
Shelburne, Vermont

Quilt Lady

No disrespect to Robert Shaw and his unique and contributive accomplishments, but the person in America who knows more about the history, making, restoring, and dating of quilts than anyone else is Camille Dalfond of Hillsdale, New York. Camille is a quiet, unassuming artist and is fondly known regionally as "the quilt lady." Camille's atelier is K&K Quilteds. She has apprentices and she writes about quilts, but more often has needle in hand. Her work, creative or restorative, is superb. Nothing of lesser quality is allowed to leave her atelier.

I have been collecting antique textiles and studying them for 35 years. My collection is worldwide and I collect directly, on site, from the custodians. Occasionally I purchase from a dealer with whom I have built a relationship of trust, such as one of my sources, a good friend for years now, in Srinagar. And sometimes my most fascinating finds are in some old country house here in the States. For example, I have three late 18th-century mandarin insignias from a house here in Greene County, New York.

Camille and I enjoy a wonderful relationship through our mutual interest and often identify obscure pieces for each other. Camille is, I believe, one of those quiet, unknown sources that museums and individuals should know about. I can't make anything—I just collect—and Camille's uncanny ability to restore textiles has turned many of my "rags" into gems. Perhaps Mr. Shaw would like to know about her and consult her.
Francis Richardson, M.A. English '69
Greenville, New York

Let Them Eat Grass

As usual, the animal "rights" debate misses the point when it comes to cattle. I am an agronomist by trade, working with assorted agricultural systems on a regular basis. Feedlots, intensive swine and poultry operations, and other common aspects of industrialized livestock production are generally disgusting, but let's not blame the poor critters (or their meat) for the defects of management.

Grass is the greatest soil-preserving and soil-building crop known. Cattle are remarkable, solar-powered grass combines. They are designed to move around and eat grass where it grows, passing 80 percent of the mineral nutrients out the back end and distributing them in a highly available form across a large area. Grasslands, large hoofed beasts, and pack-hunting predators actually coevolved in one of the most fascinating interdependent relationships ever known. Humans can function as effective predators in such a system.

By comparison, feedlots take cattle, feed them on corn and soybeans as if they were pigs, make them stand in one place while the feed is brought to them, and leave the operator to wonder how to deal with all the manure. Hormone and antibiotic use is routine. By their own admission, cattle feeders spend an extra $260 per head putting on extra fat (that the consumer doesn't want) in order to make the USDA grade designation that the consumer *does* want. Crazy.

The grain, and especially the soybeans, that vegetarians propose as an alternative to meat, are actually much harder on the soil than is grass. Soil erosion and loss of vital soil organic matter are almost invariably greater under grain than under grass. Humans can't digest grass very well (last I checked), but cattle can. Properly managed, cattle can consequently be the cornerstone of sustainable soil management. You might even say (tongue only partly in cheek) that vegetarianism is a bit anti-ecological.

Purchasing grass-fed

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President's Perspective

By John M. McCardell, Jr.

THE CONSTANCY OF CHANGE

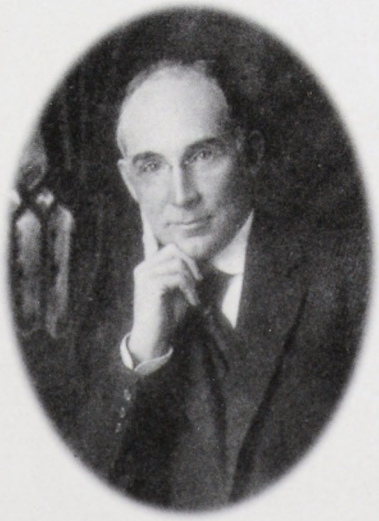
Recently, at an alumni gathering in northern New Jersey, I met John Martin Thomas '77 and his mother, Anne Moreau Thomas '51. John's great-great-grandfather, John Martin Thomas 1890, was the ninth president of Middlebury College, serving from 1908 to 1921.

Thomas was the first Middlebury president to occupy the house at 3 South Street, which had belonged to his wife's family, the Seeleys. Our meeting could hardly have been more timely, as we have begun to research the history of the house in anticipation of making some modest exterior renovations, which we hope will restore much of its former appearance.

Those discussions were, of course, enlightening. Both during and after, however, I began to recall, and then to contemplate, the momentous changes witnessed during the Thomas presidency. A bit of research in David Stameshkin's *The Town's College* filled in some details. It seems appropriate, at this time of impending change at the College, to recall some of that history.

John Thomas assumed the presidency at the age of 39 (interestingly, his election had been opposed by young alumni, who claimed not to want another ordained minister as president). It was a college of 203 students and 11 faculty, with an endowment of $410,000. (By way of comparison, Bowdoin had 303 students, 20 faculty, and an endowment of almost $1.4 million; Williams's figures were 494, 57, and $1.45 million; Amherst's 515, 41, and $1.8 million.) The campus consisted of five buildings and 30 acres.

"I brought to [office]," Thomas later wrote, "no experience and little wisdom, but a great pride in the tradition of the college . . . and an unshakable conviction that the true and rightful place of Middlebury College is alongside Dartmouth and Williams, Amherst and Bowdoin, as a strong New England college . . . ." That conviction, combined with vision and energy, led to a presidency that transformed the College. By 1915, the campus comprised 13 buildings and 144 acres, plus the extraordinary Battell bequest of 30,000 acres in the Green Mountains. Enrollment had increased by more than 50 percent to 342. The faculty had tripled in size. The classical curriculum had been modified and electives permitted. The endowment, thanks to two successful fund drives, and after so heavy an investment in plant and personnel, had grown to $565,000. Summer sessions began in 1909, with the first summer language school opening in 1915.



John Martin Thomas

During these seven years, Hepburn, Pearsons, the Chemistry Building (now Voter), McCullough Gym, and Mead Chapel were constructed; Porter Field was built; and the Twitchell Cottage (now Adirondack) was acquired and renovated. Hepburn Hall included dining facilities for all male students. Twitchell, similarly, offered dining space for all women. The modern residential college was emerging.

These changes, and the disruptions they surely caused, might have seemed threatening. The student body became more diverse. A higher percentage of an ever-younger faculty held the Ph.D. A small, tightly knit community, had become larger, more complex, more worldly. And yet, in 1914, Thomas wrote, "the old feeling that faculty and students were hostile armies . . . has almost entirely disappeared." There is no evidence that graduates of these years harbored less affection for the College they attended than did their predecessors for theirs. There is considerable evidence that Middlebury, after this period of growth, was stronger than it had ever been.

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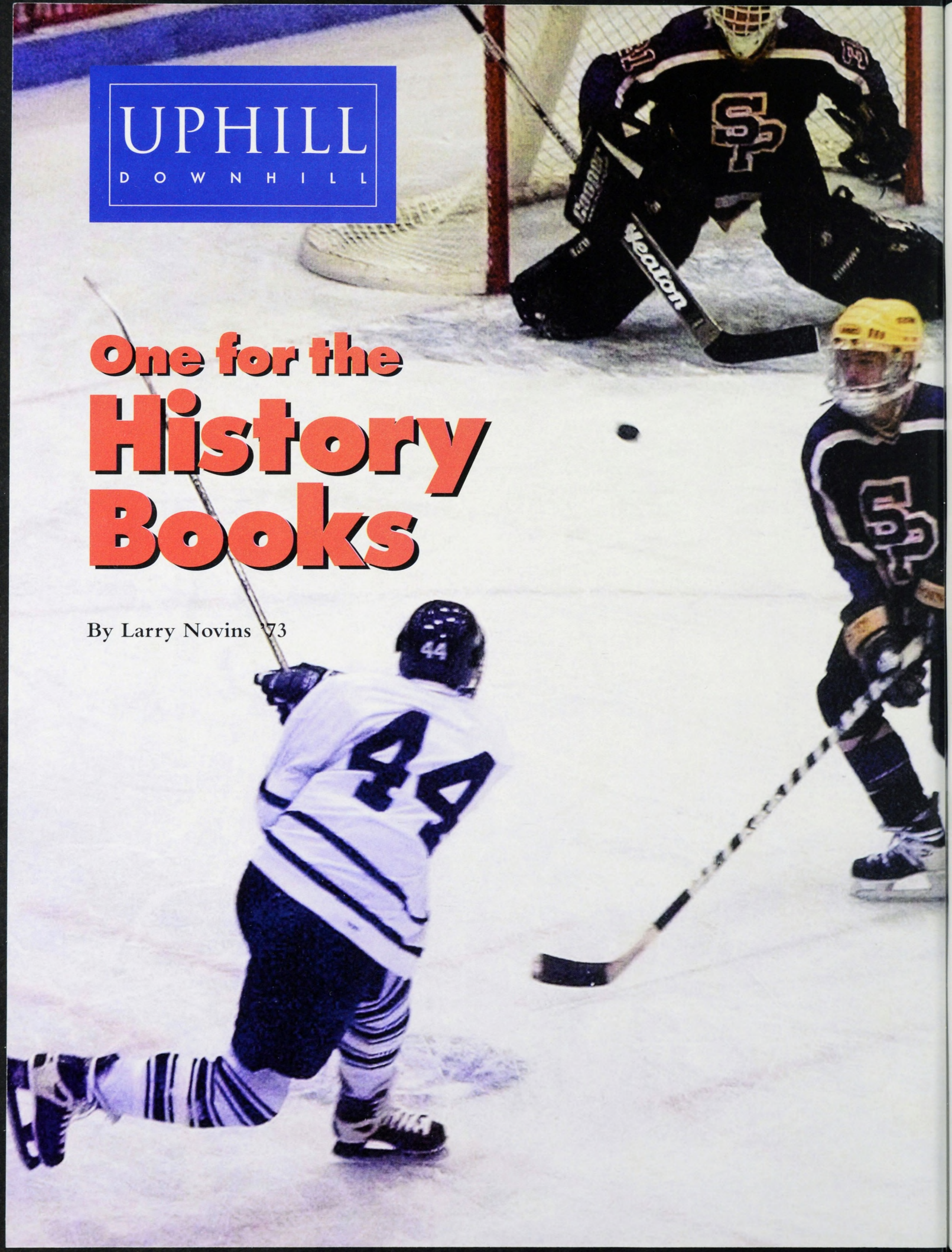


One for the History Books

By Larry Novins '73

The Panthers made hockey history last night, winning their fourth consecutive NCAA Div. III Championship, a feat no hockey team in any division has accomplished before. From face off to the final buzzer, this was one intense game.

Despite a heavy snow, Middlebury's loyal fans were there in force. Wisconsin Stevens Point was a formidable opponent. They skated hard and hit hard, too hard at times. Starting goalie François Bourbeau was flattened by one Pointer, who only received a two minute penalty for charging. Nineteen seconds later another Pointer "accidentally" flattened him again. When he lay there after the second hit, two feelings rushed through the Middlebury stands: dread that he was very seriously injured, and revulsion that the game was going to degenerate to the kind of hockey we hoped not to see at this level. We held our breaths until we saw Bourbeau struggle onto his feet. We cheered him as he was helped off to the Middlebury bench.

Chris Farion took over without a warm up and played the rest of the period. The team looked shaky for a couple of minutes. Stevens Point scored its only goal.

Stevens Point was no doubt quite surprised when, at the beginning of the third period, Bourbeau returned to the nets and played terrific hockey once again. I am sure that his reappearance reaffirmed what Stevens Point saw in all our team: You can't keep the Panthers down.

The Panthers outshot Stevens Point (20-7 first period, 15-10 second period, 10-6 third period), but Stevens Point never slacked off. Once we had our 2-0 lead things began to look good. But Stevens Point did not make it to this game by accident, and things can change quickly. The Pointer's goal tightened the game. The tension level grew as each penalty threatened to turn the game around.

Every time Stevens Point crossed our blue line, hearts stopped. Each time we broke up their play and brought the puck into their end, we either screamed or held our breath. The emotional level in the stands was unbelievably intense. The goals of Filip Jirousek and Nickolai Bobrov brought pandemonium.

What made this game so emotional was the fact that it was too close for comfort. You can't be relaxed when a potentially explosive team is a second away from scoring. Any error could quickly become the tying goal. Yet, Coach Bill Beaney's team played with poise and finesse. They played smart hockey. Consistent hockey. They did not make mistakes.

As the game slowly (very slowly in the second period because of penalties) got closer to the end, the tension grew until the last minutes were nearly unbearable. Middlebury controlled and the end was in sight. Stevens Point pulled the goalie and played 6 on 5. They got off one shot right near the end. Bourbeau deflected it. We regained control of the puck. The clock ticked to 00:00. Pandemonium!

Goalie Francois Bourbeau was flattened twice sending shock and fear into the fans. He returned to the ice at the beginning of the third period.

There was a get-together at Midd after the game. People started coming in around 12:30 A.M. The team pulled in around 2:00 A.M. We congratulated the players and thanked them for the last four years of great hockey. Imagine, no one on this team has ever known anything but being national champion. Each of the players I spoke with mentioned how great it was to play hockey in Middlebury, how loyal and supportive their fans are. "Where else," one said, "can you come back at two in the morning during a snow storm and find a group like this to welcome you back? That's what I like about Middlebury." Indeed. ■

Senior co-captains Ryan Goldman and Mark Spence helped lead the Panthers to a 95-9-6 record over the past four seasons.

Photographs by Raj Chawla, the *Burlington Free Press*

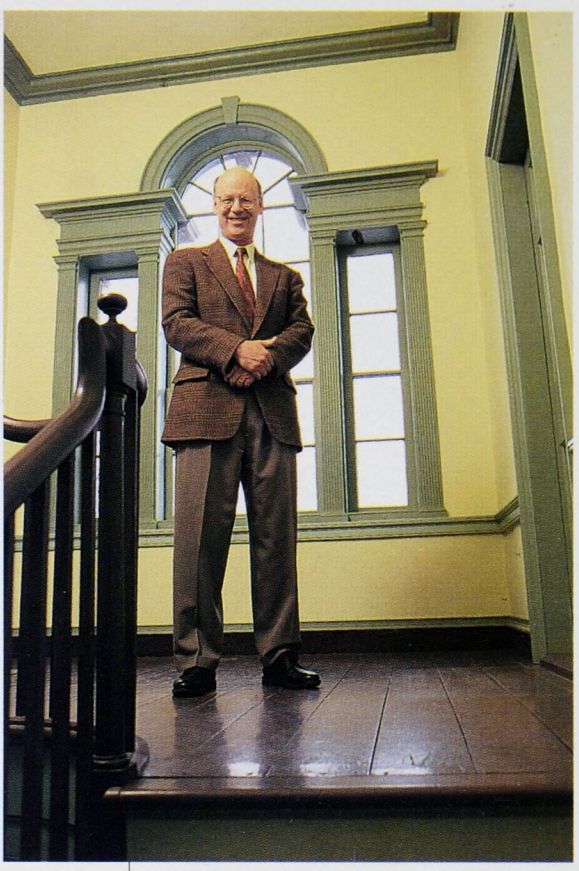
CURRICULUM VITAE

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES LEAD TO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

After twenty-eight years of teaching, Steven C. Rockefeller, professor of religion, is retiring. He leaves on a particularly high note, having just completed his final Winter Term course, "The Artistic Imagination and Ecological Values," which included lectures, films, dance performances, and an art exhibit he curated at the Museum of Art. His course was part of a cluster of fourteen Winter Term courses organized around the theme of religion and art by the Religion Department.

Rockefeller has some books to write and a variety of other projects with which he is involved. Though he won't be teaching undergraduates in Middlebury classrooms anymore, he has taken on some teaching responsibilities for a larger classroom—Earth.

Rockefeller has been asked by the Earth Charter Commission to coordinate the drafting of the Earth Charter. The Earth Charter initiative grew out of the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, and this international effort is being coordinated through the Earth Council in San José, Costa Rica. The Charter seeks to set forth the fundamental ethical principles and practical guidelines for achieving environmental protection and sustainable development in the 21st century. Initially it is being developed as a "people's charter," and wide support is being sought for the Charter in civil society throughout the world. Leaders of the Earth Charter Commission, among them Mikhail Gorbachev and Maurice Strong, hope to bring this document to the United Nations General Assembly for endorsement in 2000. Sound ambitious? It is. "Many hope that the Earth Charter will do for human relationships with nature what the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has done for relations between people."



Steven C. Rockefeller retires.

While one might wonder how a professor of religion got involved in international environmental policy, in many ways this seems like a natural progression to Professor Rockefeller. "My interest in religion and interfaith relations led me into an exploration of global ethics. In the final analysis, our environmental problems can only be resolved by changing our attitudes and values," he says. "Our social, economic, and environmental problems are inextricably linked. Therefore, if we are to deal effectively with our environmental problems, we must also deal with issues of social justice, poverty, economic development, and war and peace."

Rockefeller has mixed feelings about leaving the College. "It's been as rewarding and satisfying as anything I can imagine, but I see the new phase in my life as an extension of my teaching career." ■

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News Flash

April Fools' Ad Brings Diversity Issues to the Fore

When the April Fools' Day edition of the *Campus* arrived, at first few people even noticed the ad. But those who did, denounced as racist and offensive the photo of several black men, labeled as "drug dealers, gang members, rapists, arsonists," linked with text stating that their presence in the community enlivened the image of the preppy, athletic Middlebury student.

That ad has produced a continuing, escalating month-long disruption among students, faculty, and staff. Even alumni on MiddTalk, the alumni electronic discussion group, have hotly debated issues of racism, affirmative action, and political correctness. Though an apology was printed by the paper, it was too little, too late. The editor of the *Campus* called for a public forum, at which students of color read a statement then walked out. At a demonstration in front of Old Chapel students voiced dissatisfaction over other issues, such as public safety for women and the campus climate for gay students and faculty. Two weeks later another demonstration produced a list of demands, including staffing for a Diversity Affairs Office.

President McCardell and the faculty have been actively involved, speaking at forums and offering guidance and support. Recently two assaults on campus, one involving an anti-gay epithet, renewed students' concerns for public safety and the need for increased attention to programming oriented toward gays and lesbians at Middlebury. Investigations into the assaults have resulted in the arrest of one local youth and the identification of another. ■

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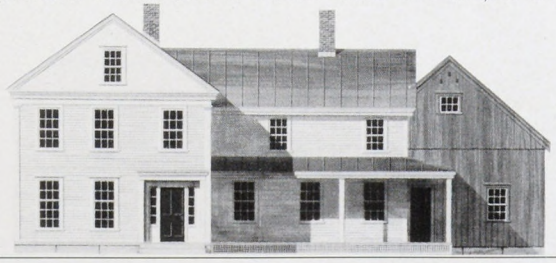

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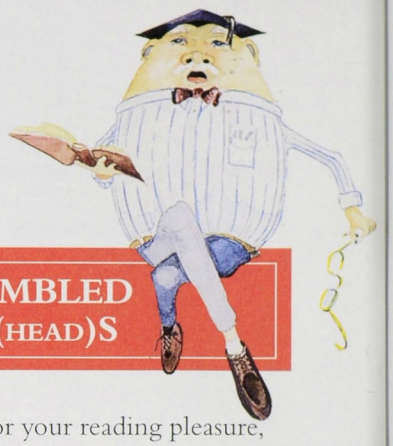

SCRAMBLED EGG(HEAD)S

Here, for your reading pleasure, are the best answers to last issue's puzzler, wherein we asked readers (1) to find the longest word, and (2) to make a sentence out of this familiar motto:
The Strength of the Hills is His Also.

(1) anesthesiologists
(2) Lest his thin flesh sighs to her a lot.
(2) This sleigh's horn has eel tots' filth.
Carol Lyall P'00
Cotuit, Massachusetts

(1) anesthesiologists
(2) The night, she stills foolish hearts.
(2) Hegel lost his shirt, not lash fetish.
Andy Streit '69
Miami, Florida

(1) horseshoeingest
(2) Lots finish the hotel's hash gristle.
Ruth Shonyo Trask '52
West Boylston, Massachusetts

(1) artillerists
(2) The hot horse fills the think glass.
(2) The other hen's flashlight is lost.
Greg Mackay '81 and Deborah Cliff Mackay '84
Vero Beach, Florida

(1) heartlessness
(2) Then high, shirtless host flails toe.
William Trask '52
West Boylston, Massachusetts

Congratulations to Andy Streit and Carol Lyall who both found "anesthesiologists" with 17 letters; they each wrote two sentences with all 30 letters. ■

Illustration by Elizabeth Pols

A Challenge to Young Alumni

Philanthropy is something most people Kevin Mahaney's age think of as an activity for their parents' generation—most thirty-somethings are consumed with careers, children, and home. And for the most part, it *is* their parents' generation that takes up the challenge of providing financial support for the future for their family, their institutions, and their society.

But Kevin Mahaney '84 wants to change all that. President and CEO of The Erin Companies, a privately held firm with diversified holdings in hotels, real estate, and insurance, Mahaney thinks he and his generation have a lot to offer the College and he means to prove it by way of a challenge. He has offered the College up to $1.5 million to modernize Midd's athletic fields and facilities. For every two dollars contributed to this program by alumni graduating since 1970, Mahaney will add one dollar of his own. If successful, the challenge will yield a total of $4.5 million for improved athletic facilities.

Kevin Mahaney '84
Being young is no deterrent to being generous

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Mahaney hopes that the obvious benefits of an improved athletic facility will encourage the younger generation of Midd alums seriously to consider joining him in building a new generation of sports for Middlebury.

"I want to create opportunity," he says. "You shouldn't have to sacrifice to go to Middlebury because of insufficient facilities. I want to eliminate any obstacles to achieving success."

He knows it is worthwhile. He's seen it first hand with a wonderful role model: his father. "My father started supporting the University of Maine at a relatively young age, and because he's done that he's gotten 25 years of enjoyment out of helping, which is much different than five years before you die, you give away your money."

Mahaney has chosen to fund an athletics facility for many reasons, not the least among them is the importance athletics have had in his life. Mahaney is perhaps most well known as the skipper of the yacht "Young America," which competed in the 1995 America's Cup. He also received an Olympic silver medal in 1992, is a three-time North American Sailing Champion, and was voted 1990 Olympic Athlete of the Year (Yachting). Mahaney has also been a competitive skier and lacrosse player, and he's currently hoping to compete nationally in snowboarding.

"I do things in spurts," he admits. "I started late at sailing. And now I haven't sailed since the America's Cup. To go from sailing 200 days a year to zippo." He pauses contemplatively. But how does it feel simply not to sail any more?

"I never look back. I haven't done the most important things in my life yet. I hope I don't realize those things until the day I die. I am always looking forward."

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DANCE DUET FINALIST

Mark Stuver '98 choreographed a dance duet that was chosen, from among 45 dances, as a finalist at the American College Dance Festival. He and dance partner Melissa Loeben '98 will perform "The Hesitation Tendency," at the National College Dance Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in May.

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CELTICS SERENADE

Could you believe your eyes? Yes, this was the **D-8**. And yes, these were Celtics. And yes, this was the national anthem, sounding better than ever, arranged and sung by Middlebury's own a cappella group. Current D-8s plus some alums made the scene at the home Celtics game on March 6.

Mark Stuver '98 and dance partner Melissa Loeben '98 will compete at the National Dance Festival.

The D-8 in Beantown

Photographs: top, Bob Handelman; bottom, Megan Hankins '99.

ESSAY GETS TOP HONORS

At a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C., **Tim Weld** '98 received the 1997 the Atlantic Council's NATO prize for excellence in writing from former Secretary of State William Perry. Weld's essay, "NATO in the Post-Cold War Era," was written for a political science seminar and submitted to the Atlantic Council at the urging of Assistant Professor Allison Stanger and his adviser Professor Jeffrey Cason. Weld has accepted a job after graduation at an investment bank in Boston, but says, "If I don't like it I'll head right down to D.C."

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DREAM YEAR

What would you do if you could do anything for a year? This is the question prospective Watson Fellows answer, and three Middlebury students got their dream year come true. **Shruthi Mahalingaiah** will travel to Java, Bali, and Ecuador to study movement and ritual in healing. **Timothy P. Barlett** will travel to the United Kingdom to create a film on British change ringing. **Michael P. Doyle** will travel to Poland, Romania, and Lithuania to study modern theatre style that originated under Communism and how it has changed in the post-Communist era. Each Watson Fellowship recipient will receive $19,000 for the year.

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TOP OF THE ROCK

Alison Osius '80, three-time national rock climbing champion and editor at *Climbing* magazine, recently was named president of American Alpine Club, a national nonprofit organization that has represented mountaineers and rock climbers for almost a century. She's the first female president in its 96-year history. ■

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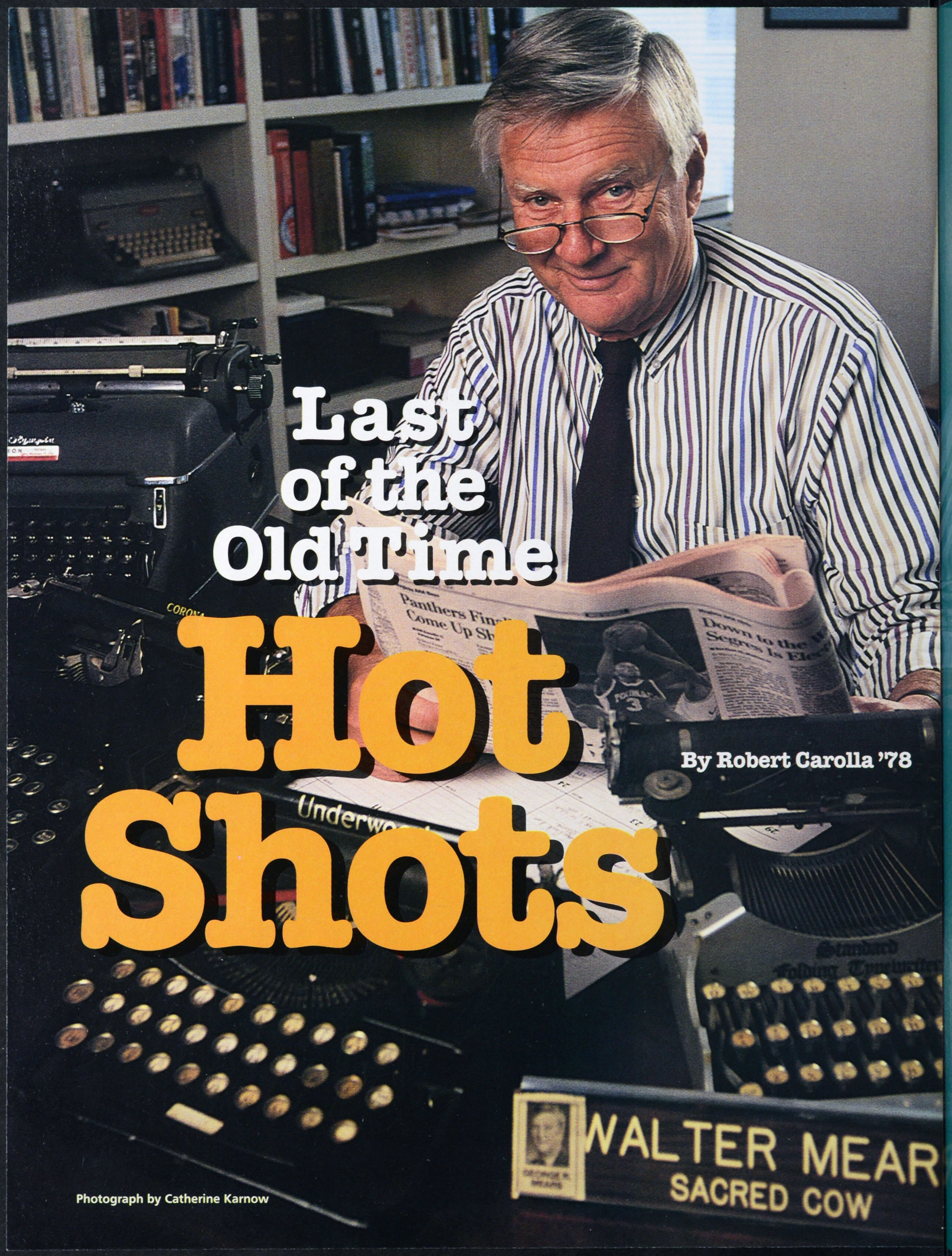


Last of the Old Time Hot Shots

By Robert Carolla '78

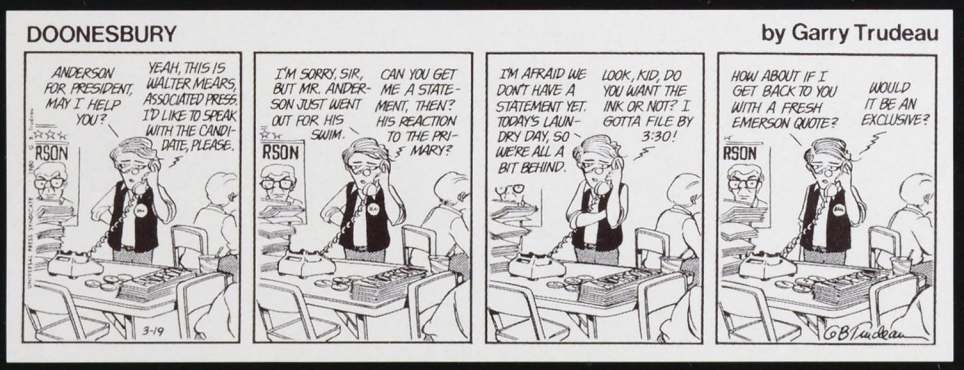
Photograph by Catherine Karnow

When asked about the highlights of his career, Walter R. Mears '56 never mentions his Pulitzer Prize. Instead he notes that his senior English thesis at Middlebury was probably one of the longest on record, over 200 pages, and he "got a good grade."

That senior thesis was an intuitively well-chosen, warm-up exercise for Mears. He went on to create an amazing dossier of journalistic accomplishments, which included winning the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting of the 1976 presidential campaign. During the eighties, he oversaw more than 1,500 journalists and 220 news bureaus worldwide in his roles as AP Washington bureau chief and as executive editor in the New York bureau. With NBC's John Chancellor, he wrote *the* book on his profession: *The* New *News Business: A Guide to Writing and Reporting*. And, he has had the rare honor of being featured in "Doonesbury," probably the only Middlebury graduate to obtain such exposure.

So, why have so few people heard of Walter R. Mears?

In the television era, "no one is more obscure than a wire-service reporter," explains Jules Witcover of the *Baltimore Sun*, a veteran political reporter and syndicated columnist who has written books on every political campaign since 1968. He calls Mears "the last of the old time hot shots." Timothy Crouse, who profiled Mears in the 1972 *Rolling Stone* article that later became the classic journalism text *The Boys On the Bus: Riding with the Campaign Press Corps,* agrees. Crouse quotes one colleague as saying Mears is "the best in the goddam world. He can get out a coherent story with the right point on top in a minute and thirty seconds, left-handed."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YEAH, THIS IS WALTER MEARS, ASSOCIATED PRESS. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH THE CANDIDATE, PLEASE.
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I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT MR. ANDERSON JUST WENT OUT FOR HIS SWIM.
CAN YOU GET ME A STATEMENT, THEN? HIS REACTION TO THE PRIMARY?
I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE A STATEMENT YET. TODAY'S LAUNDRY DAY, SO WE'RE ALL A BIT BEHIND.
LOOK, KID, DO YOU WANT THE INK OR NOT? I GOTTA FILE BY 3:30!
HOW ABOUT IF I GET BACK TO YOU WITH A FRESH EMERSON QUOTE?
WOULD IT BE AN EXCLUSIVE?
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Even as laptop computers have replaced portable typewriters, Mears remains the "fastest gun" in the business. Each week from AP's Washington bureau, Mears writes three "Washington Today" columns that circulate to hundreds of newspapers around the country. For reporters like Linda Feldmann '81 of the *Christian Science Monitor,* Mears's column provides "tremendous perspective" for anyone seeking to understand political news.

Mears began his career at Middlebury, first as sports editor and then editor in chief of the *Campus*. Though his interest in journalism predated his undergraduate years, he didn't look for a school with a journalism program. "I'm glad I didn't," he said, "I learned more putting out the *Campus* than I could have learned in anybody's journalism classroom."

As an English major at Middlebury, Mears wrote his senior thesis on "The Traditions of British Journalism in the 18th Century." In the preface, he declared, "Journalism is at once a business proposition and an artistic endeavor," and noted that circulation demands require constant innovation and technological change. Forty years later, he credited English professors Henry Prickett and Paul Cubeta and history professor Pardon Tillinghast for influencing his education and outlook.

It was Middlebury's former director of public affairs, Joseph Presbrey, Jr., who helped Mears get the job that put him on his career path by introducing him to a friend in the AP's Boston bureau. The introduction led to a summer job in 1955. After graduation, Mears began working in the bureau full time for $60 a week. Not long afterward he moved to Montpelier to open AP's Vermont bureau (which today is headed by Christopher Graff '75).

There are so many stories. The next one is always the best.

Mears covered the Vermont state house by himself, as a one-person news bureau. He found this training invaluable, and when Middlebury students today call him for advice, he is quick to say, "Get out of D.C. It's the worst place in the world to start a career." There isn't enough work there for all the talent that is available, and too much of the work is one-dimensional.

Nonetheless, Washington is where Mears made his mark. On the campaign trail, Mears also served as a catalyst, helping to make history. During the 1976 vice-presidential debate between Democrat Walter Mondale and Republican Robert Dole, Mears was one of a panel of reporters selected to ask questions of the candidates. With the first question, he sparked a reply by Dole that would haunt the Republican statesman for the next 20 years—defining him as a "mean-spirited" partisan. Noting that Dole had criticized Mondale for raising the issue of President Gerald Ford's pardon of former president Richard Nixon, Mears asked Dole why the issue was no longer "appropriate" in light of the fact that Dole himself had criticized the pardon during his 1974 campaign. Retorted Dole, "It's an appropriate topic, I guess, but it's not a very good issue, any more than the war in Vietnam would be, or World War II or World War I or the war in Korea, all Democrat wars, all in this century . . . If we added up all the killed and wounded in Democrat wars in this century, it would be about 1.6 million Americans, enough to fill the city of Detroit."

When Mears received the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the campaign, he was, himself, the subject of a front-page profile by the *Wall Street Journal*. Mears's press badge from the 1976 Republican National Convention hangs in the Freedom Foundation's "Newseum" of the journalism profession.

In person, Mears is reserved. Some colleagues describe him as shy. Mears also has a wry sense of humor. "Quirky," says Olin Robison, former Middlebury president who got to know him when Mears sat on the College's Board of Trustees. "He appreciates ironies," says Jules Witcover. "Extremely funny," said Harry Rosenthal, a retired AP colleague who also noted that Mears has written songs and scripts for the Gridiron Club's annual dinner, a major social event often attended by the President, in which Washington's journalism fraternity parodies itself and the politicians it covers. With Witcover, Mears also once wrote a musical comedy, *Have I Ever Lied to You?,* satirizing the 1972 presidential campaign in which President Richard Nixon buried Senator George McGovern in a landslide.

Perfectionism is also part of the Mears legend. Mike Feinsilber, a reporter in AP's Washington bureau since 1980, recalled that before the advent of word processors, Mears would often begin to write a story at a typewriter, only to pull out sheets of paper abruptly, repeatedly, with half-written leads that had failed to satisfy him. Some sheets would contain less than a sentence. Once, an AP editor collected the crumpled balls of paper from the floor around

his work area, smoothed the sheets into a thick stack, and tacked them to a bulletin board in the newsroom with a cover page entitled, "The Collected Works of Walter R. Mears."

Mears's perfectionism nonetheless reflected a dedication to precision and fundamental reporting skills. As a young reporter in Boston, he sometimes covered auto accidents, and in *The Boys on the Bus* is quoted as observing, "The problem with a lot of the new guys is that they don't get the formula stuff drilled into them...If you don't learn how to write an eight-car fatal on Route 128, you're gonna be in big trouble"

Mears returned to Boston from Vermont in 1960, then moved to Washington to cover Congress. Up until then, his career had been shaped by simple hard work, skill, intelligence, and a little luck. A few days before Christmas in 1962, however, he confronted tragedy. His wife and two small children perished in a fire in their home in suburban Virginia, and Mears was injured trying to save them. In *The Boys on the Bus*, Crouse wrote, "As therapy, Mears began to put in slavish 18-hour days for the AP. In a job where industry counts above all else, Mears worked harder than any other two reporters."

When Crouse's profile of Mears first appeared in *Rolling Stone* in 1972, a group of colleagues sat with him at lunch as one reporter read the article aloud. When he came to the paragraph about the 1962 tragedy, the reader fell silent. "We never knew," Witcover recalled. Although he is a close personal friend, he cannot remember Mears ever talking about his loss.

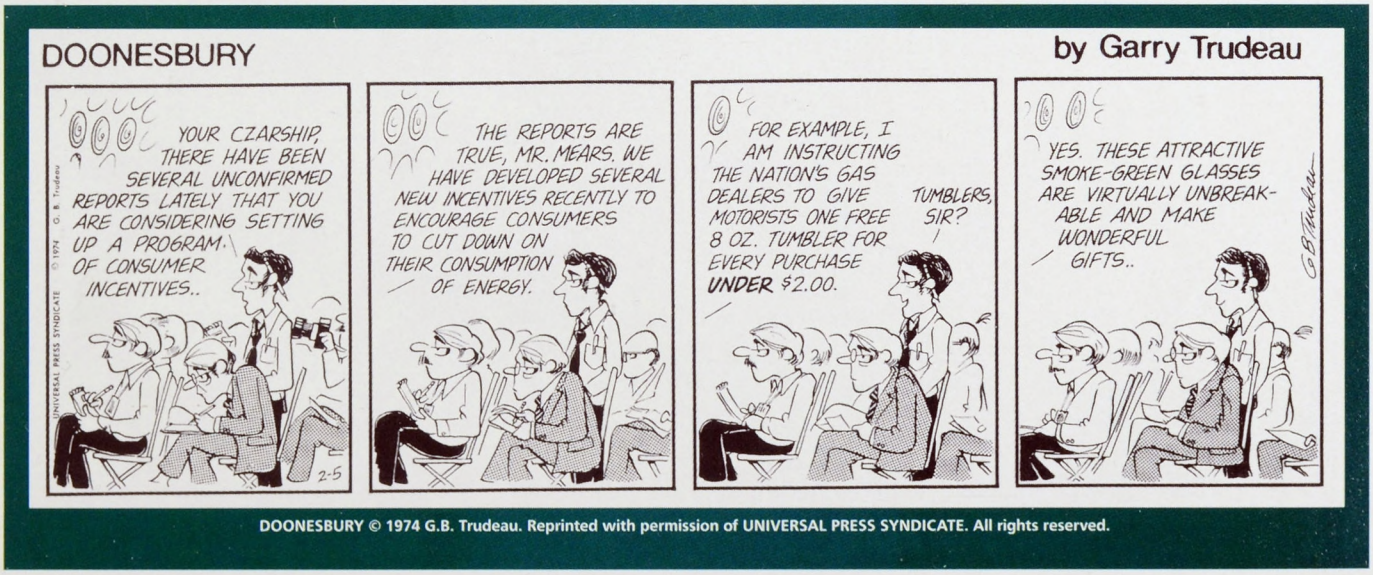
Rosenthal does. When Rosenthal's own son died in 1992, Mears telephoned and spoke to his wife at some length. "She has never told me what he said, but it made a difference," Rosenthal recalled. Loss deepened Mears and "made him extremely sensitive to tragedies happening to other people." At a different level, Mears's sensitivity has been extended to junior colleagues within AP and on the campaign trail. "He's a real teacher to the younger kids," Witcover noted.

Television has dramatically changed the nature of print journalism. Greater analysis and factual detail have become essential for newspapers to maintain their competitive edge. Nonetheless, Mears still emphasizes the basics: speed, the straight facts, and "the right point on top." On the frontiers of the Internet, institutional integrity and accuracy also remain a premium. For both print and electronic journalism, there is a risk in too much blurring of the line between observers and participants in national debates. The risk comes not from raising provocative questions, such as Mears asked of Dole in 1976, but from the manner in which news analysis is presented.

"Everybody thinks politicians and reporters are in the same line of work," he cautions. "They're not. Taking positions on things that you cover makes the whole system fall apart." He notes that in the 1970s, people in government were consulted for their expertise. "Now it's been yielded to the talk shows. They're the chorus against which the drama is played out."

Not surprisingly, Mears is reluctant to characterize political leaders whom he has covered. "I tried to treat them all equally," he said, "without regard to whether I thought they were jerks or geniuses." He does rate Nixon as the most fascinating leader he ever covered, "The man was brilliant in many ways. A fatally flawed genius."

As for the top stories of his career, "There are so many stories," he reflects. "The next one is always the best." ■


DOONESBURY
by Garry Trudeau
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YES. THESE ATTRACTIVE SMOKE-GREEN GLASSES ARE VIRTUALLY UNBREAKABLE AND MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS..
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A Joyful NOISE

Rehearsing for their spring show, "Tap Ambition World Tour '98," their finale is a Madonna medley.

If **Tanya Boudakian '98** has anything to say about it, the sound of syncopated tapping will be forever heard echoing in Middlebury corridors. The originator and leader of **On Tap**, Middlebury's premier tap dancing troupe, Boudakian is passionate about tap. So are the 25 other dancers in this **peppy and cheerful flock**, who gather regularly to plan shows, dream up wild promotions, and dance together. Many of these women have been **tapping since they were children**; many performed in high school in what seems to be the initiation rite of young tappers—a performance of *Anything Goes*. Since they began performing at Middlebury, On Tap has choreographed numbers from *Grease* and *Men in Black*, or danced to "The Copacabana" and tunes by **Frank Sinatra**.

By Rachel Morton

Photographs by Bob Handelman

The original tappers: Kelly Johnson, Katie Whittlesey, Tanya Boudakian, Jessica St. Clair, and Elizabeth Gerber

How much of that tune you'll hear depends a lot upon how enthusiastically this troupe is strutting its stuff. Because these dancers and this particular dance form *revel* in noise. Deafening, thrilling noise—the sharp clatter of metal taps on hard floors. The dancers adore it. And it's not a surprise that this clatter inevitably attracts lots of attention, which they also love. As well as being known for their tapping, On Tap is known for their inventive promotions. One day, to advertise their upcoming James Bond-themed show *You Only Tap Twice* the tappers, each seated at different tables at Proctor, at precisely 6:15 P.M., started up a loud boom box, jumped up on their respective table tops, and began tapping. "We also did a kickline at the salad bar," Tanya recalls laughing.

On Tap has attracted attention since the day Boudakian (a double French-Italian major from New Jersey) first decided that she wanted to start a tap group. She'd been tapping since she was four, and when she arrived at Middlebury in 1994, she looked around and wondered if

there were any other tappers here. An enterprising young woman, she advertised the start of a tap group and found her first tap-mate—Julia Shreve. They were soon joined by Katie Whittlesey, who was joined by Jessica St. Clair, then Elizabeth Gerber, Kelly Johnson, and Teea Makela, and on and on until four years later, Tanya's little group of dancers became a big full-fledged tap troupe of 25.

Boy, was she surprised. "I never knew so many people tapped. They all came out of the woodwork," Tanya says with a smile. Katie Whittlesey remembers a similar feeling when she found a fellow tapper in her freshman dorm.

"I'd put on tap shoes late at night after I got back to the dorm. One night at 2 A.M. I heard tapping on a floor far above me." She ran up the stairs to the find the phantom tapper and there was Jessica St. Clair tapping away. "I said, 'No way! Whoah! You Tap?!' " And another On Tap dancer was born.

Many of these dancers tell stories about how they found each other, how they tapped alone in their bedrooms, in the hallways at night, in the bathrooms—anywhere. It is almost like a secret society. The dancers in On Tap have a hand signal they flash at each other when they pass on campus, and before each performance they gather together in a circle, more like a sports team than a dance club, and shout out their group chant: "Tap to Live! Live to Tap! ON TAP!"

Tanya has been the fulcrum around which On Tap has formed and functioned for these past four years. While responsibility for choreography and music is taken by various members of the group, it is clear that Tanya is the mother hen. After a rehearsal she is surrounded by dancers with questions, "Are we still going to wear tights? What time will we have rehearsal?" But Tanya has larger aspirations for On Tap—larger than her own four-year tenure at Middlebury. Like a wise mother, she's encouraged the evolution and development of other leaders, both creatively and organizationally. Tanya is determined that when she graduates this spring, the group will live on. In fact, she has big plans for her postgraduation life as an On Tap alumna.

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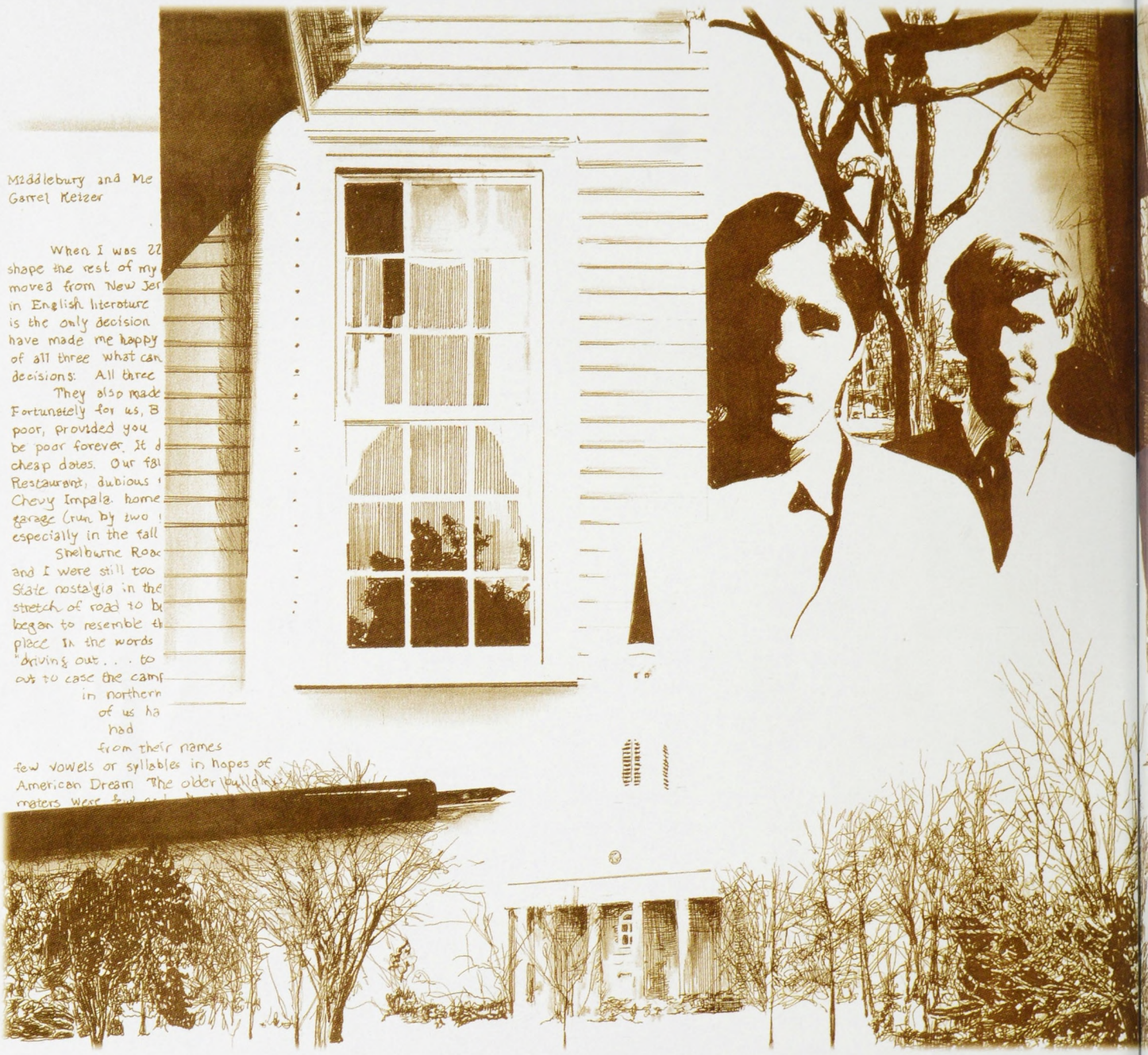
On Tap dancers have already decided to perform at reunions and other alumni events, and to tap at each other's weddings. They have shared their love of tap at senior centers and other benefits, and have often invited nontappers to join in a number or two on stage. One year they invited their dads to come up on stage and dance with them during Parents Weekend.

The pep and pizzazz of On Tap has been met with an enthusiastic response from the Middlebury community. Tanya remembers that even their first performance was packed: "We had, like, 400 people!" And since then On Tap has performed an annual spring show, for Winter Carnival, and with the Otter Nonsense Players. Though tap is but a small part of their lives as students, the On Tap dancers are as committed and passionate a group of dancers as you'll find. One senses that they will move on to careers—already the seniors are heading into teaching and television, advertising and public relations—and that this interlude in their lives, when they were performing tap dancers, will remain a joyful noise in their memories for a lifetime. ■



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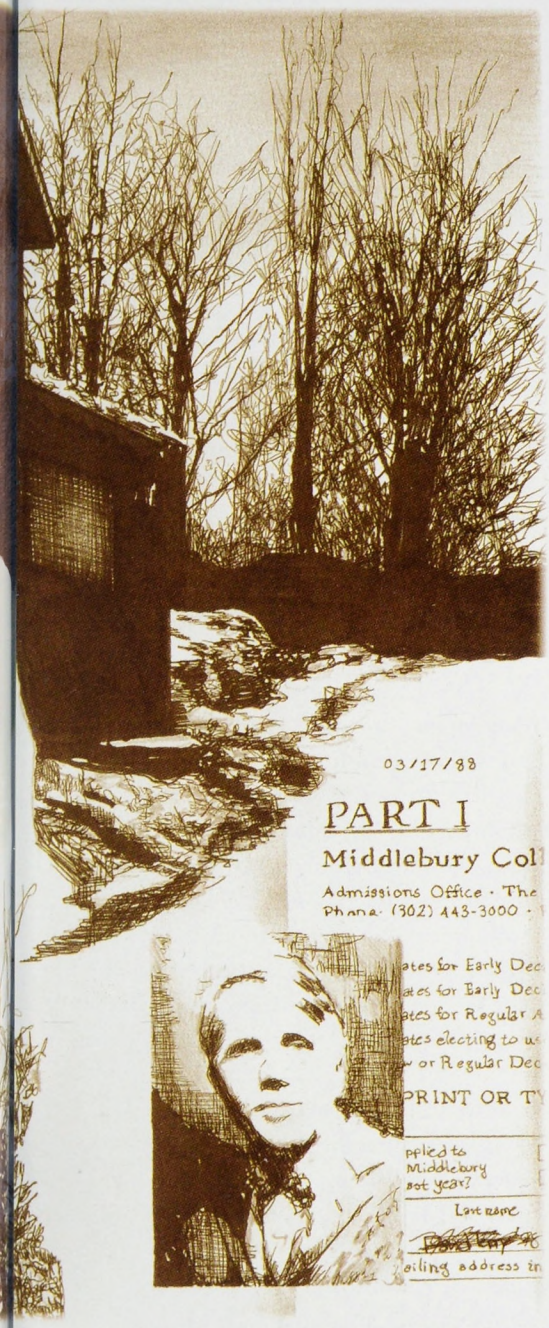

A Brief Memoir of a Nonalumnus

By Garret Keizer

When I was 22 years old, I made three decisions that would shape the rest of my life. I married my high school sweetheart, I moved from New Jersey to Vermont, and I began a master's degree in English literature at the University of Vermont. The first of these is the only decision I have never questioned, but all three seem to have made me happy in the years to come. What is more, I can say of all three what cannot always be said, even of the most fortuitous decisions: All three made me happy at the time.

They also made me poor at the time, and my wife poor. Fortunately for us, Burlington was not a bad place in which to be poor—provided you were healthy and young and could expect not to be poor forever. It did not take us long to develop a repertoire of cheap dates. Our favorites included hot turkey sandwiches at Nectar's Restaurant, dubious rides up Mount Mansfield in our 11-year-old Chevy Impala, homemade ice cream concocted in a remodeled garage (run by two guys named Ben and Jerry), and once in a while, especially in the fall, a ride south to Middlebury College.

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Shelburne Road was still too funky in those days, and my wife and I were still too young, for us to experience any waves of Garden State nostalgia in the first congested miles of Route 7. It was just a stretch of road to be endured until the lanes narrowed and the vistas began to resemble those that had lured us to Vermont in the first place. In the words of our compatriot Bruce Springsteen, we were "driving out . . . to case the Promised Land." We were also driving out to case the campus of a college very different from those we had attended in northern New Jersey.

Both of us had gone to state colleges, ever-expanding commuter schools that had some time in the recent past dropped the word "teachers" from their names, in the manner of immigrants dropping a few vowels or syllables in hopes of gaining easier access to the American Dream. The older buildings on the campuses of our alma maters were few and dated to the time when single women attended "normal school," taking their teaching certificates as either a prelude or an alternative to being "normalized" in marriage. The other buildings were boxy, modernistic structures, vaguely suggestive of a manufacturing purpose. In fact the purpose they embodied was that of taking the raw material of first-generation college students and turning it into a durable product line of economically priced public school teachers.

The difference between a campus like the ones we knew and that of a school like Middlebury is something like the difference between a rest room at a gas station and the rest room at a hotel. They both serve the same purpose, but by almost universal consensus, the second of each pair is a far more pleasant place in which to sit down.

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It's cleaner for one thing. Migratory populations do not always take great care of the places where they pasture or pillage. Their artifacts also tend to be less impressive than those of their supposedly more civilized neighbors. For example, one recent "tradition" of the college I attended consists of painting every sizable stone in the garish colors of one or another of the various fraternities and sororities. There are quite a few of these organizations on campus, and since the campus itself borders a defunct quarry, there is an almost limitless supply of stones. They now decorate the lanes and parking lots with an overall effect not unlike that of a sprawling but dwarfish Stonehenge, erected by a druidic tribe of carneys.

Middlebury, of course, gave a much different impression. It was serene and lovely. Walking across its campus with my wife, I told myself it was a place such as we might have gone had our guts and wallets matched our SAT scores. I won't say it felt like home. In some ways it felt forbidding. There's a poignant scene in John Sayles's movie *Breaking Away* where a father and his son walk through the campus of Indiana University at night. "I cut the stone for this building," the father says. "When they were finished, the damndest thing happened. It was like the buildings were too good for us. Nobody told us that. It just felt uncomfortable, that's all." Now we hadn't cut (or painted) a single stone at Middlebury, and we were quite capable of pitching a few at anyone who dared suggest that the buildings were "too good for us." Nevertheless, there was a bittersweet ambiance to those strolls that I shall never forget, and it had to do in part with the sense of being strangers to almost everything the college stood for in our eyes. That symbolism would change in time, as we did, though probably no more drastically than we did.

The change began as Middlebury came to be associated less with a beautiful place or a lost opportunity and more with a series of remarkable "Middlebury people" who would touch my life. I met the first of these when I still lived in Burlington, just after taking my degree. I was working for the Department of Employment and Training on Pearl Street, and during my lunch hours I sometimes walked over to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral to be quiet or to hear a Bach fugue practiced on the pipe organ. There I met a 30-year-old priest who would have a profound influence on the future direction of my life. I owe to him, not only an affiliation with the church that would eventually include my becoming a priest within it, but also my acquaintance with and love of Samuel Johnson, Karl Barth, and Wendell Berry, any one of whom would suffice to name a considerable intellectual debt on my part.

The Rev. Addison Hall had grown up on a farm in Vermont (even after 16 years of teaching in an agrarian community, I have yet to hear an impersonation of a cow-call to match his), and he had done his undergraduate work at Middlebury.

He was only five years my senior but seemed a good deal more advanced. Quite soon after meeting me, he left to assume the rectorship at St. Stephen's in Middlebury—to my romantic cast of mind, a move akin to the Zen master Bodhidharma and the magician Merlin returning to their fabled places of origin. He would move again, farther south, and I to the north, but we have maintained a casual friendship ever since.

That move to the north, in order to fill two teaching positions answering to the respective qualifications of my wife and me, occasioned my second and third personal encounters with Middlebury. They were both of a category that might be called "ghostly."

The first was with Robert Frost. Not long after establishing myself in the Northeast Kingdom, I had the privilege of striking up a friendship with the poet James Hayford, an early protégé of Robert Frost and the first and only recipient of the Robert Frost Fellowship, given by Frost himself to "the boy I thought most capable of making up his mind." Though Hayford had met Frost while an undergraduate at Amherst, it was at Middlebury, and more specifically at Bread Loaf, that Hayford and Frost had passed time as friends. In the summers he and his wife would meet Frost for supper at the Theodore Morrison House and engage in conversations that remained lustrous in Hayford's memory until his death.

I think that in many ways Frost haunted Hayford's life. He once told me, "It's a great blessing to have a great man get interested in you. But it also constitutes a work, a task, to find yourself under that enormous shadow." In some ways I came to think of Middlebury as part of that shadow, not only because it was where Hayford had come to reckon with his imposing mentor, but also because it symbolized some of the wistfulness and puerile reverence from which I too wished to declare myself free. Let Frost belong to Middlebury; Hayford had given himself to the Northeast Kingdom. So would I.

The second Middlebury ghost was even more remote from my experience than Robert Frost but more potent in my imagination. This was the legendary Alexander Twilight, the first African American to take a college degree in America and the headmaster of the Orleans County Grammar School, where between 1834 and 1836 he built Brownington's "Old Stone House" as a dormitory.

Along with being one of the Northeast Kingdom's most recognizable landmarks (perhaps rivaled only by Lake Willoughby), the Stone House is our region's modest version of the Easter Island mystery. According to a story known to nearly every school child in Orleans County, Twilight sledged the massive stones into place with an ox, building his way upward story by story, until he had finished—only to find he could not bring the ox back to ground. He slaughtered the animal on the top floor, an image that takes shape in the mind like that of a sacrifice at the top of a Mesopotamian ziggurat.

Teaching school so close to the mythical memory of Twilight resembled taking on a cure of souls near Assisi, an awareness both humbling and inspiring. That Twilight was a Middlebury graduate served to confirm the school as a distinct, if somewhat ambiguous, symbol in my life. Along with the profession of teaching itself, I continued to see the college in a certain twilight.

As I advanced in my new career at Lake Region Union High School, and as I saw more and more of its students setting their academic sights

higher and higher, Middlebury began to take an even greater hold on my imagination. In a strange way it became like a quirky philosopher's stone by which the mettle of some of my best students was put to the test. Those who applied to Middlebury composed a virtual gallery of all the possibilities, predictable and unpredictable alike, that can befall the most golden of boys and girls.

I saw some who, like my former mentor Addison Hall, went straight from small towns and farms to successful careers there. I saw at least one, laden with scholarships and promise, nearly overwhelmed by homesickness and what can best be described as culture shock. The willingness of the college to let her take a second plunge, and its accompanying and perhaps resulting willingness to approach the needs of freshmen from small rural communities like ours in an intentional way, marked a turning point in my advice to college-bound students. No longer did I merely approve of a bright kid's decision to apply to Middlebury; I positively urged it.

This new spirit of promotion was severely tested by the application of an extraordinary student, perhaps

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the only teenager I ever taught who had read as much as I had. As a high school junior she was plowing through Proust and Plato, discussing both with me (who had virtually no acquaintance with the former and the dustiest remembrance of the latter) with a sophistication that absorbed me long after she'd sauntered off to lunch. When she dropped by my classroom for a good word on the day of her Middlebury interview (admittedly very nervous), I told her that if the College didn't take her, I'd take hostages. It didn't take her.

Of course, she did just fine anyway. Now a recent graduate from Sarah Lawrence, she divides her time among a handful of projects, writing a novel, teaching English at CUNY, and together with a former professor, editing an edition of Byron's juvenilia. I think she's also working on a Ph.D. I never quite recovered from my disappointment, however, which in the following year inspired my first and only sarcastic introduction to a letter of recommendation: "What Freud is supposed to have said about women, I find myself saying about Middlebury College. Will somebody please tell me what they want?" When in a few more years another outstanding student of mine decided to apply, I scaled my advice to match my previous failures as a prognosticator and a hostage-taker. "You're an outstanding candidate," I told him. "Don't get your hopes up."

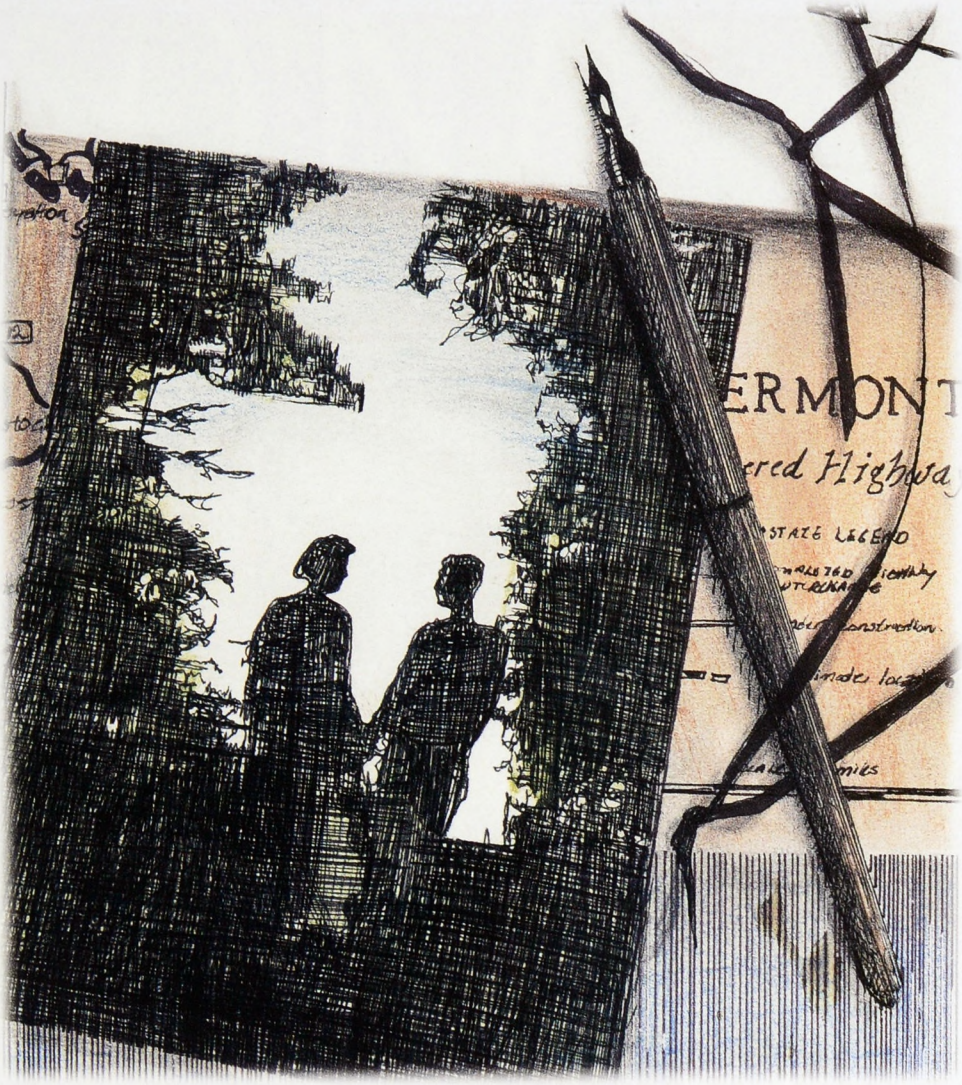
It is now Ethan's third year at Middlebury, following his third summer as a part-time laboring companion at my house. Once a week during the months of July and August, I treat myself to the pleasure of stacking firewood and scraping century-old clapboard in his company. I have come to love him almost like a son, and he seems to love his college almost as much as home. Perched in dirty clothes on the rungs of our respective ladders, we pass balmy afternoons talking about *Paradise Lost*—and about our favorite episodes of *The Simpsons*, which has what amounts to a cult following among the denizens of a certain Middlebury dorm. Ethan's happiness may not be able to cover all of my old grievance, but it more than gives balance to it. And in a queer sort of way, his mostly favorable reports have convinced me not only that my rejected bibliophile was better served elsewhere, but that I was too. No college is suited to all persons. In any case, I'm grateful to be old enough to embrace the limitations of my own history, though still young enough to defy my limitations in keeping pace with a wood-stacking 20-year-old.

Middle age has also found me thankful to have at last realized a long-cherished dream. Its realization had more than a little to do with the faith and encouragement of a handful of professors at my old commuter college, but something to do with Middlebury as well. In 1988, when Viking published my first book of essays, *No Place But Here*, I was pleased to receive a glowing review in *USA Today* from a writer named Jay Parini. I was embarrassed

not to know him from Adam, but it was with a sense of déjà-vu that I learned the name of the college at which he taught. When my next book was about to be published, I asked Viking to send Parini a copy forthwith. He responded with one of the most favorable endorsements my work has ever received. To have such an accolade from the author of *Town Life, The Last Station*, and the masterful biography of Steinbeck was, to say the least, a powerful affirmation. And to have it from a professor at Middlebury, where I and my young wife had once trespassed hand in hand, discussing "such stuff as dreams are made on," was almost as powerful.

My eventual departure from teaching in order to pursue a full-time writing career coincided with the arrival of a new principal at Lake Region, perhaps the youngest in the high school's history, and one who, I have no doubt, will exert a profound influence on its future. I have known John Castle since his youth; his father was the priest who introduced me to the parish I was eventually ordained to serve. I have always followed John's progress with interest, first when he was a star quarterback at North Country High School, then as a postgraduate at Philips Exeter Academy, and later as an undergraduate at a private Vermont college, which at this point in our narrative seems almost tedious to name.

From time to time John and I will meet for coffee or a breakfast, revisiting those points of influence we share: his father, his stint as a long-term substitute in my English department, the Northeast Kingdom—where he now lives with his wife and baby daughter—and the rural high school toward which we both feel ties of loyalty and affection. Though he probably doesn't know it, and I've never told him as much, his alma mater is somehow a mystic



entry on our list of common threads. May the spirit of his fellow alumnus, Alexander Twilight, walk beside him in his new work.

I suppose I should go up to Brownington and walk through Twilight's Old Stone House one of these days. I haven't been there in a couple of years now. As for Middlebury, I can't remember the last time I was even near it. To be honest, I can scarcely remember more than a physical detail or two of the place that has for so long been so definite in my imagination.

I may have reason to visit it soon, however. My daughter is almost 14. Though she talks about going to school in the Pacific Northwest (and about possibly becoming a teacher one day, giving her father pause in both cases), her mother and I will probably urge her to "at least take a look" at Middlebury, as well as some of the other fine schools within Vermont. Presumably we will join her in doing so.

Wherever she goes to college, this much seems certain: With tuition costs what they are, and our income what it is, my wife and I are not that far away from needing a good cheap date. Grayer, slightly heavier, and, I must say, even happier than we were at 22, we seem bound for one reason or another to walk through Middlebury College once again. ■

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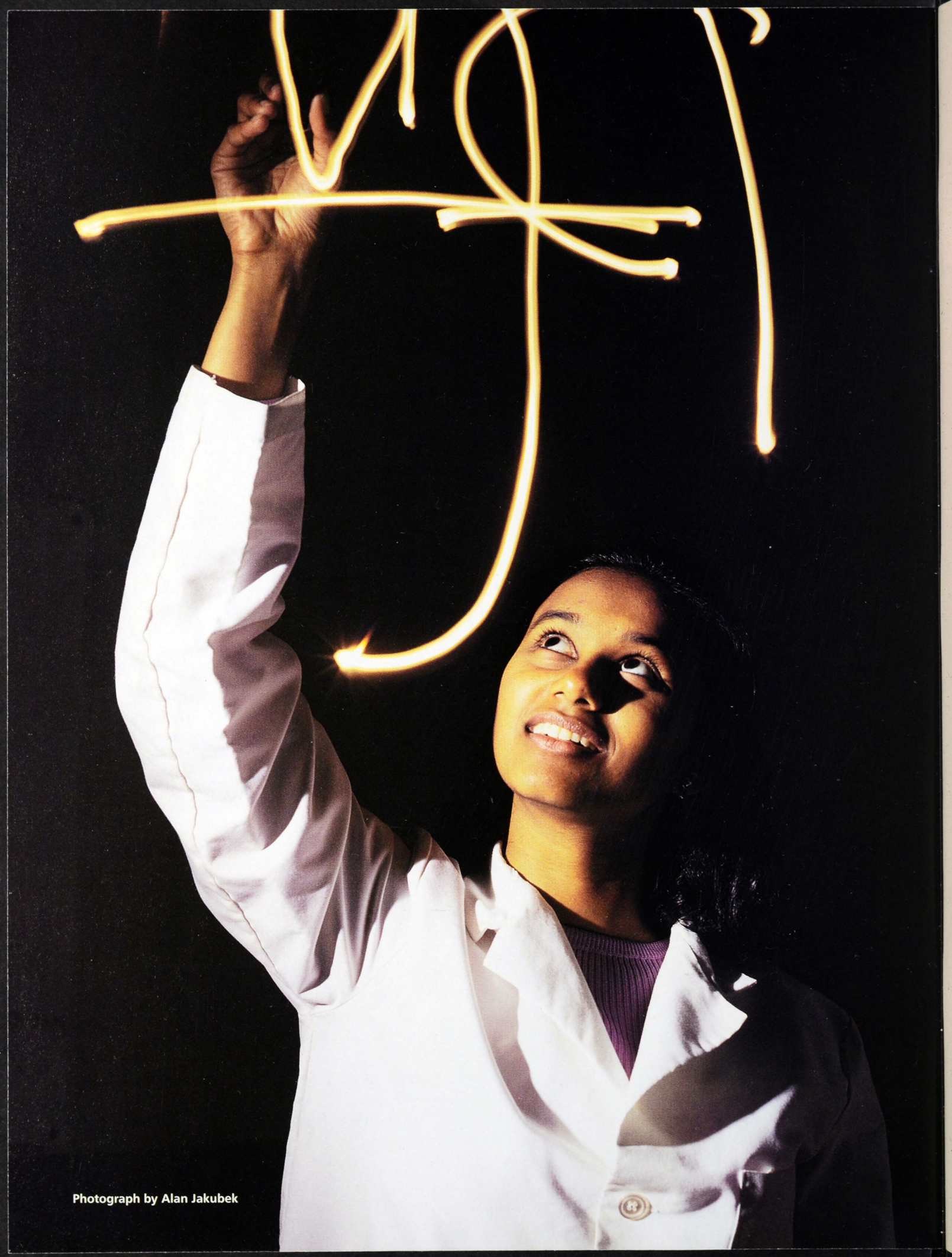

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GETTING Ahead BY LOOKING Back

Student Combines Cross-cultural Perspectives in Science and Life

By Rachel Morton

It is late Thursday afternoon on a dark winter day and Shruthi Mahalingaiah '98 is measuring white powder into an amber vial. She's been in this science center lab most of the day working on her thesis, which involves studying the potential anticancer properties of platinum compounds—work that she hopes will contribute to the line of research being conducted by her mentor, Sunhee Choi, associate professor in the chemistry department.

At the moment, Shruthi is a few weeks away from learning that she was accepted to Harvard Medical School, so she is happy about her recent acceptance to med school at UConn, near her family. She doesn't mention the fact that she has applied for the prestigious Watson Fellowship, which brings an award of $19,000 for exceptional college seniors to take a year after graduation to pursue promising intellectual pursuits. She'll get the Watson, too, which will necessitate delaying her entry into Harvard.

But all this good news is for the coming weeks. Today, it's business as usual, which Shruthi is delighted to discuss. She explains that she is adding a nucleotide called 5'-guanosine monophosphate to a solution of dissolved platinum drugs to monitor the binding activity of the drugs. Talk of her cancer research leads to talk of skin cancer, and then her mother's insistence that she slather herself in SPF 50 sunscreen. Suddenly Shruthi grabs a pencil and begins writing equations to explain how UV rays can lead to skin cancer: "Light is electromagnetic radiation. It's traveling at a uniform speed, c=3.0 times 10^8 meters per second," she explains. "UV rays hit the skin, go through, and fritz out the DNA."

Here she begins drawing squiggley lines that invade her stick-figure drawing of a reclining sunbather. "They have so much damage to repair they can't handle it and start making weird mistakes and replicating wildly." That's cancer. She smiles. Understand?

Shruthi's enthusiasm for her research is a reflection of her dynamic professor, Sunhee Choi. "She opened the doors to chemistry for me," Shruthi says of Choi, whose work with platinum compounds on DNA is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

"I was a physics major originally, and in physics I learned the fundamental basis from which I can view the world around me, but when Sunhee told me about her research, I thought this was one way my science could be of use right now." She has been working with Choi for two years, and laughs that she's well prepared for a medical school regime.

"Sunhee is definitely demanding," she says, remembering the times when she and her lab partner Mark Bisanzo '98 would go to the lab every morning at 4 A.M. to take a scan. Bisanzo has also applied to Harvard Medical School, and the two close friends have gone through a lot together. "Mark and I were ready to kill her in the middle of J term," Shruthi laughs. "We have both put in two times the normal amount of work for a thesis. Sunhee only wants excellence. She's great."

In addition to the demanding lab work Shruthi is conducting for her chemistry thesis, she has other academic responsibilities as a double chemistry-Spanish major, double physics-dance minor. There are classes to attend, homework to do, and hours of dance practice. Then there are friends and parties. She may be smart, but she's no wallflower. So what gives?

"I probably get less sleep than most people," she admits sheepishly. "Sometimes it's four hours a night for several weeks. Sometimes six. Every semester I say I won't do as much, but it never works that way. Definitely one of my life goals is to sleep more."

This is one goal she is not going to be meeting anytime in the near future, for Shruthi has a dance performance coming up. Here she is, immersed in her work, glasses slipping down her nose, dressed in nondescript corduroys and a T-shirt, but in less than two hours she will be practicing the tango with David Barrutia '98 for her annual Winter Carnival performance. She'll trade in her cords for a kicky little red Ann Taylor number and, with a rose between her teeth, will abandon herself to the dance and the Spanish culture—something she's gotten to know through her love of Spanish literature.

For Shruthi's interests take her intellectually, and physically, all over the map. Born in Mandya, India, Shruthi and her parents moved to Newtown, Connecticut, when she was a baby; there her father established a practice in psychiatry. She attended the Taft School, which allowed her to immerse herself academically, to get involved in the environmental movement, to do sports and dance, "and to have a social life!" Shruthi laughs. "My parents were very strict; I would never have had a nightlife if I'd been home!"

TIES THAT BIND

The research lab of Sunhee Choi, associate professor in the chemistry department, has provided a fertile academic field for Shruthi Mahalingaiah. Choi, with support from the National Institutes of Health, is working to identify potent anticancer compounds through her experiments with various platinum drugs. Using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), Choi and her student assistants are studying how certain platinum compounds bind to strands of DNA in such a way that they bend or "kink" the strand. The DNA, now misshapen, can no longer replicate and the cancerous growth is checked. Choi earned her Ph.D. from Princeton University and worked for Colgate-Palmolive Company as a research chemist before coming to Middlebury in 1987. ■

Sunhee Choi, associate professor of chemisty

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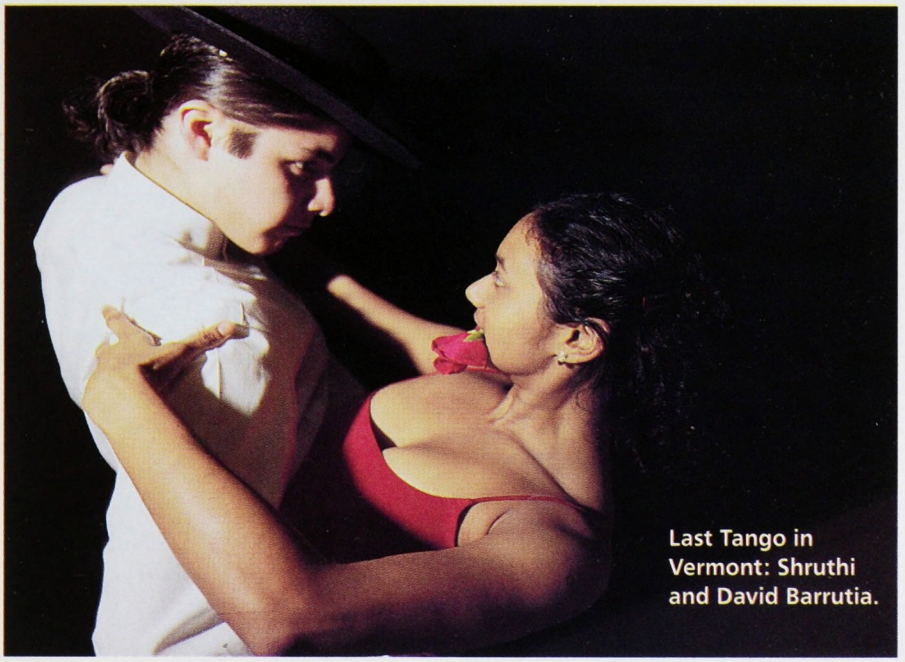


Last Tango in Vermont: Shruthi and David Barrutia.

As a teenager she began to explore her own ethnic heritage. "There was one point I was thinking, 'How am I going to mix it? Where is the merger?' I know this is a big melting-pot society, but I don't want to lose my Indian culture." For two summers in a row, she returned to India and lived with her grandparents, studying dance with her mother's dance teacher.

She explored the family land and found a sculpture, "like our family's little patron goddess," tucked away in a little temple. "A priest who resides in that area comes out and does the prayer ceremony, so every time I go to India, I make my mom go visit this place with me. That was the beginning of my learning about being Indian and Hindu. I was able to put my whole history in a context."

Understanding roots, going back to the source, is something Shruthi has continued since her first trips to India as a teenager. When she discovered her attraction to Spanish literature—especially Gabriel Garcia Márquez's *100 Years of Solitude*—she arranged to spend six months in Colombia, South America, in the very town the author describes.

And her curiosity about how healing occurs in different cultures has precipitated her application for the Watson Fellowship, where she hopes to travel to Bali, Java, and Ecuador to study the roles of ritual and movement on healing. In Ecuador, she'll observe the work of shamans—their practices and rituals, medicinal herbs they use, and how they work in the community. And her dance background will enter the picture when she goes to Bali and Java, where masked dancing and trance dancing are used as exorcism against evil spirits. "They don't have a germ theory for their diseases," she explains. "If you're sick, you've been embodied by an evil spirit that must be exorcised."

Though many of these practices defy logic, Shruthi is open to understanding how they work in these cultures—*why* they work in these cultures. She wants to be a doctor, to be trained in the western tradition of medicine, but life experiences have shown her that there's a lot to be learned from other cultures and points of view. "My whole goal is to expand my notion of what disease is. What sickness is. Can I expand my way of treating that so I can get more people better?"

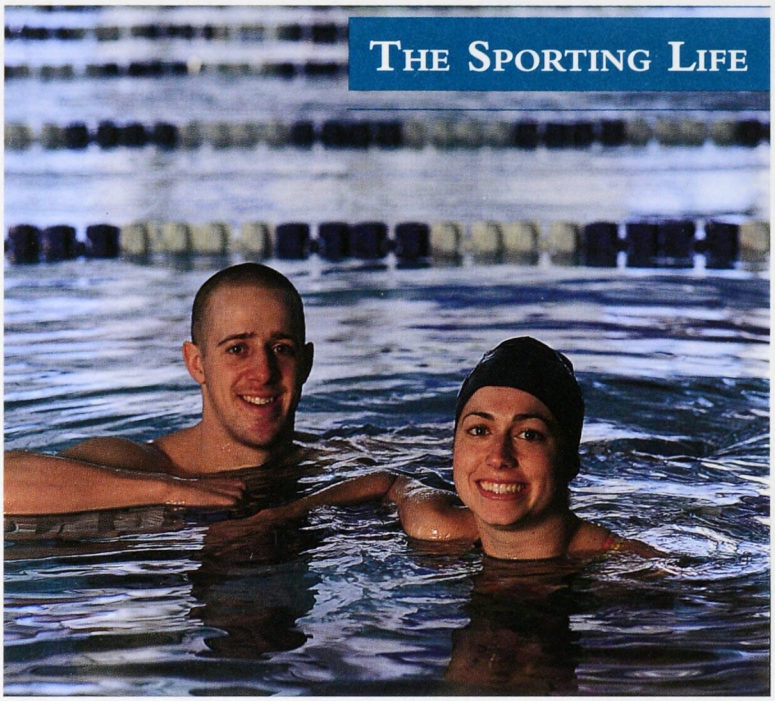
This is one of the reasons why she wants that Watson, and why Harvard, it turns out, wants her.

On March 1 Shruthi went to her mailbox at lunch time and found three letters. One from Harvard, one from Yale, and one from Johns Hopkins. "I thought, 'This is a big moment' so I walked to my room, sat down, ripped open the Yale envelope." It was suspiciously thin—a rejection. A similarly skimpy envelope from Johns Hopkins informed her they would make no decision until April. Then came the Harvard letter.

"I didn't even read it at first; I just glanced at it really quickly to see how long it was." A few words jumped out at her. They were: "We are pleased to" and she knew she was in. When she found out later that day that Bisanzo was also accepted to Harvard Medical School, she was overjoyed. So was Choi: "Sunhee flipped out. She brought champagne to the lab."

Two weeks later Shruthi received word of her Watson. After the excitement and congratulations, she asked Harvard if she could defer admission. Harvard, it turned out, was happy to wait a year for her. "They said they were used to it, with all those Rhodes!" She widens her eyes in mock awe at the caliber of the intellectual company she'll be keeping. They may be a high-powered lot, but when she visited, her impression was that they were getting a whole lot more sleep than she was.

"Every med school I've been to, all the students have no bags under their eyes. They look fully rested!" Maybe she'll meet that life goal sooner than she thinks. ■



J.P. Gowdy and Heidi George—record setters for their up-and-coming teams

High Water Mark

By Rachel Morton

Middlebury men and women swimmers are making a big splash these days— they came in 8th and 14th place, respectively, at the NCAAs out of 65 teams, the first time the men had been in the top 10. According to coach Peter Solomon, "teams that had beaten us during the year—Williams, Wesleyan, and Amherst—we dominated." The men's team, led by J.P. Gowdy '99, had their best season ever and the women's team, especially, with stand-out Heidi George '98, had an equally excellent season.

Of Heidi George, Solomon says, "She has the second most impressive swim I have ever seen in my life," referring to her 1996 swim at Emory when she established the NCAA record in the 1650 freestyle. "She is one of the few swimmers in Division III history to have ever made a Division I qualifying standard."

George has defended this record successfully three years in a row. There was some doubt when, on earlier events of the meet, she swam "a bit slower, leaving a question mark about how she'd do on the mile," according to Solomon. But whatever fears people had about her retaining her title dissolved after the first length of her mile swim. "She took the lead and never looked back."

George is the school record holder for the 500 free style, the 1000 free style, the 1650 free style, and as part of the 800 relay team.

Captain of the men's team Jean Paul Gowdy (known as J.P.) is from Prince Edward Island, Canada, which must favorably dispose one toward water. J.P. has been swimming competitively since he was eight.

Last year at the nationals J.P. won the 400-meter individual medley and came in under four minutes, which, he admits, is "kind of a big deal," since it's the first time a swimmer has done that in 10 years. Coach Solomon notes that, "Up until this year, he was the third person *ever* to break four minutes in Division III. J.P. set the school record with that time. An unprecedented six other Midd swimmers went to the nationals this year and they all joined J.P. as All-Americans when four different relay teams scored in the top eight. This spring, J.P. again broke four minutes, but so did two other swimmers, putting J.P. in third.

Coach Solomon says that both men and women's swimming teams were the best performing teams at the meet. And he has some personal knowledge about that. He has only recently arrived from Amherst College, where he was a swim coach, which made for some mixed emotions at the meet. Middlebury lost to Amherst during the regular season, but at the NCAAs, Midd came back formidably. "We were second the whole weekend, ahead of Amherst with two events to go," Solomon recounts. "Then Amherst passed us on diving, and beat us on the last relay."

While Midd was competing against his former swimmers, Solomon's loyalties were undivided. "I certainly wished everybody well, but was going for the win," he says. " ■

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

THE BUZZ FROM BOZEMAN

The ski team returned from the Division I NCAA Championships in Bozeman, Montana with some big news. Brooke Laundon '00 took first place in women's slalom, becoming the first Middlebury national champion in women's slalom since Heather Flood '91 won the title her senior year; only four Middlebury athletes have ever won this title.

What makes this so exceptional, says Coach Terry Aldrich, is that Middlebury, a Division III institution, competes in Division I skiing. "The comparison would be like Middlebury *v.* Duke in basketball, Middlebury *v.* Nebraska in football, or Middlebury *v.* BU in hockey. The athletes we compete against are, in most cases, full-scholarship foreign athletes."

The men's Alpine team won the team award for giant slalom, the first win for the Middlebury men in many years. Forest Carey '00, Hedda Berntsen '00, and Brooke Laundon were named All-Americans on the Alpine team.

The Nordic team also produced some Middlebury records. The fifth-place finish of Chad Giese '98 and the sixth-place finish of Andrew Johnson '00 in the 20-kilometer free style was, according to Aldrich, "The best result by a Middlebury men's Nordic team in the 23 years since I've been here." Both skiers were also All Americans. The women's team was the third Eastern team behind UVM (with their three Norwegians) and Dartmouth in both races. They finished 6th overall in the freestyle race and 8th in the classic race.

Brooke Laundon '00 took first place in women's slalom.

But the *most* memorable thing about the races, says Assistant Coach Kate Webber '94, was the contingent of Middlebury fans—alums came from all over Montana, Wyoming, and even California. (Former Midd ski coach Bobo Sheehan '44 "spent the week with us sharing a long tradition of Middlebury skiing with the team.")

The fans demonstrated their support. Loudly. "It's a tradition to ring cowbells at ski races," Webber says, "but the only time you heard cowbells ring was when Midd was racing. You always knew when a Panther was competing because the cheers were by far the loudest."

THREE STRAIGHT WINS FOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY

For the third consecutive year, the Middlebury College women's hockey team hosted and won the ECAC Alliance Championship. Middlebury is now 52-0 since the league's inception.

Middlebury netted six third-period goals on its way to a 10-1 win over Wesleyan in the ECAC Alliance Championship game. The Panthers have also outscored its six tournament opponents 47-6 in the tournament's three-year history.

Middlebury opened the scoring 6:51 into the game as Sylvia Ryan '00 found first-year forward Michelle Labbe '01 for a one-timer just in front of the Wesleyan net. Labbe made it a 2-0 game with a breakaway goal at the 15:22 mark. Catherine Pullins '00 gave the Panthers a 3-0 lead in the second period with a power play slapper from the point. Katharine Lynch '01 gave Middlebury a 4-0 cushion as she converted a beautiful drop pass from fellow rookie Sarah Carpenter '01 7:43 into the second period. Middlebury came out firing in the third period with four goals in the first 5:29 of the period. The Panthers cranked up the offense in the game's last 5:09 with three more tallies. The lone Wesleyan goal came on a shot from the left circle that found its way to the back of the Panther net.

Sophomore Beth Denoncourt '00 made 12 saves in goal for the Panthers. Sylvia Ryan was named the tournament's most valuable player. ★ Women's hockey final record: 22-4 ■ *Brad Nadeau*

Photograph by John Quackenbos

First Editions

By David Haward Bain

A Poet Without an Audience, A Captain Without a Ship

Photograph by Paul Child

John Ciardi: A Biography
Edward M. Cifelli
University of Arkansas Press, 1997

John Ciardi— nationally known poet, translator, essayist, critic— directed the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference for 17 years. His tenure ended in 1972 amidst controversy, leaving Ciardi bitter over "betrayals" and bereft at the loss of the "land-locked cruise" he had captained for so long. Here Edward Cifelli, English professor at County College of Morris in New Jersey and editor of two Ciardi collections as well as a biography of David Humphreys, examines the eventful and often stormy life of this brilliant, supremely gifted but flawed man of letters. It is a fine, well-written, and extremely fair-minded work, offering poignant insights into the sources of Ciardi's creativity as well as his ambition and gut-punching competitiveness.

Ciardi's well-received first book of poems, published in 1940, won a fellowship to Bread Loaf; two other emerging writers with him that summer were Eudora Welty and Carson McCullers. At Bread Loaf the tall, lanky poet with an overbearing self-confidence impressed Robert Frost, Bernard DeVoto, and Director Theodore Morrison, and although invited to return on staff, Ciardi was stalled by the war. After the war, Ted Morrison invited him to Harvard where he was, notes Cifelli, "one of the brightest young writers at Harvard in the late 1940s," near the center of an extraordinary literary ferment. He impressed graduate student Richard Wilbur and undergraduates Donald Hall, Frank O'Hara, and Edward Gorey. And Ciardi began publishing his poems and reviews everywhere.

By 1955, when the Pulitzer-finalist Ciardi succeeded Morrison as Bread Loaf Director, he had moved to New Jersey to teach at Rutgers and be closer to the publishing capital, and had become poetry editor at the influential weekly magazine, the *Saturday Review*. His boss, Norman Cousins, liked Ciardi's "combination of a Hemingway big-game hunter and a charging full-back." Before long, the poet even had his own CBS television series, *Accent*, and had become such a household name that he left Rutgers in favor of the lucrative lecture circuit—he cheerfully called himself "The

Capitalist of Po Biz."

From this pinnacle of wealth, popularity, and critical respectability in the late 1950s, Ciardi slid, by the early 1970s, into bitter semi-obscurity. That transition is depicted in Cifelli's hands with care and poignancy and rich psychological insight. Partly personal and partly cultural, Ciardi's fall may have begun somewhere between when he infuriated thousands of fans by boiling the genteel poet Anne Morrow Lindbergh alive in a magazine review, and when CBS replaced his intelligent, venturesome show with *Mister Ed*.

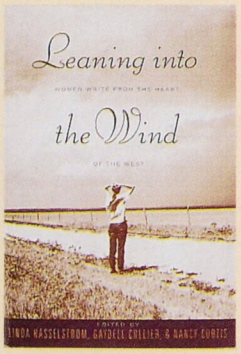
The writing may have been on the wall—but Ciardi, tragically, failed to see it. What seemed to seal his doom was the widening generation gap and the 1960s— Ciardi, the GI-generation poet, simply could not stand young people and their self-absorption and rebellion against the authority of his Depression-reared and war-matured age group. This really came to a head at Bread Loaf, moving small problems over his careless administration and his disdain for administrators further into the scrutiny of Middlebury officials when his word-scuffles with young Bread Loafers and their junior-faculty champions came to light in newspapers and magazines.

That his long sinecure at Bread Loaf was withdrawn in the same year that most of his books went out of print, and the poetry collection he decided was his magnum opus went virtually ignored, is an occasion for great drama in a biographer's hands, and Cifelli portrays it all with skill. To his credit, the biographer lays much of the blame for the debacles of 1972 on the complicated poet's personality when confronted by overwhelming cultural change—although one might observe that a few now-retired college officials do not elude a light skewering over the Bread Loaf business. Ciardi was, in retirement, much tougher on them and on the culture which had moved indifferently on. But in the 14 years left to him before his death in 1986, he gained a new and appreciative audience for his weekly National Public Radio commentaries and books on words and their fascinating origins; however, the sad sense of being a poet without an audience and a captain without a ship cast a darkness over his last years. This is a definitive biography of a significant man of letters, and a supremely intriguing, even tragic midcentury figure—a noteworthy life. ■

David Haward Bain is a visiting lecturer in the Middlebury College English Department.

ALSO NOTED

***Leaning Into the Wind: Women Write From The Heart Of The West*, edited by Linda Hasselstrom, Gaydell Collier, and Nancy Curtis, Houghton Mifflin, 1997**



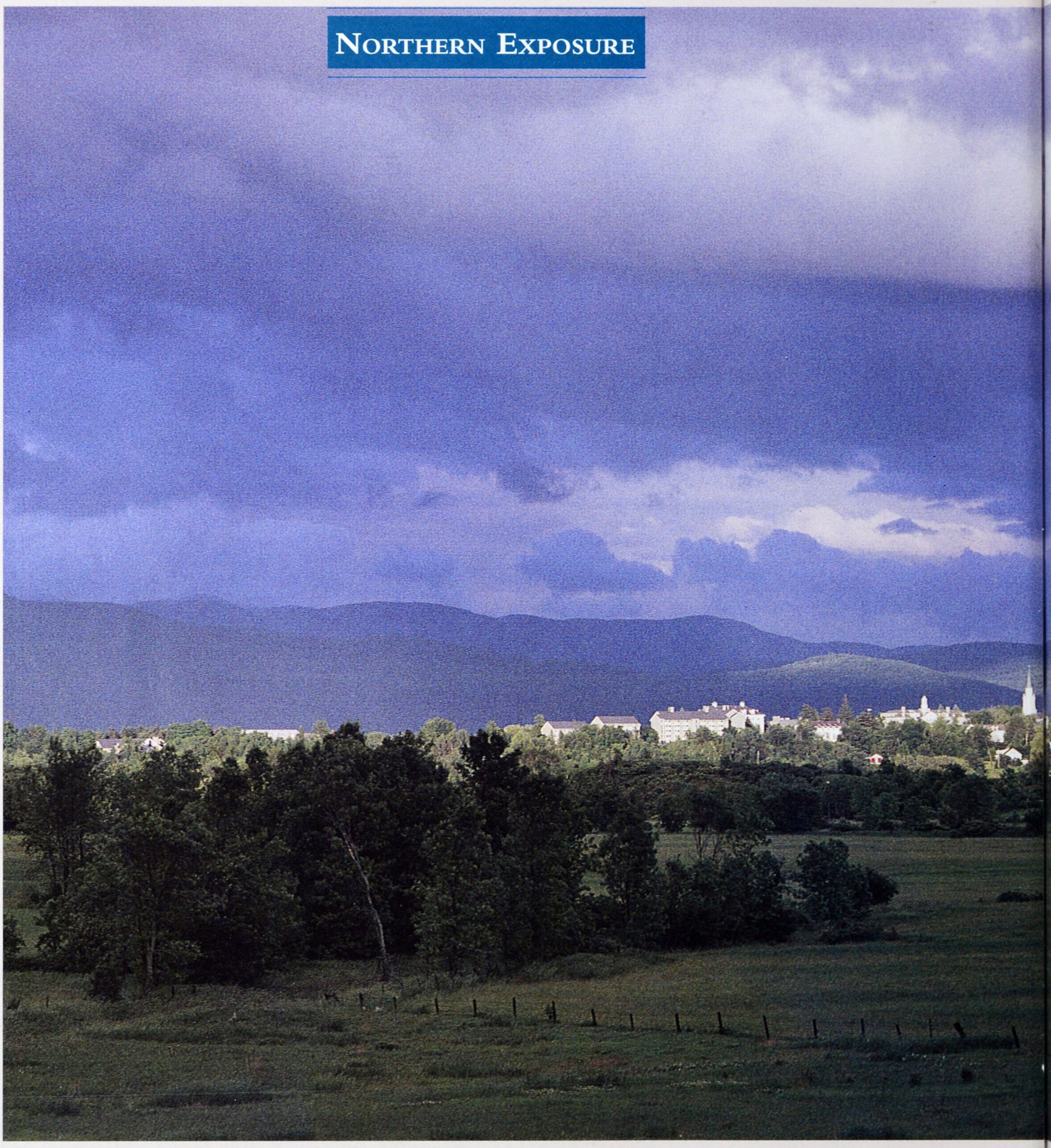
What a good idea! Ask women who "live and work in the High Plains West" (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska) to "tell us your story." That's what Linda Hasselstrom, Gaydell Maier Collier '57, and Nancy Curtis did. And what a response they got: 660 manuscripts forming a tower 12 feet high. Then came the hard part: four years of reading, sifting, selecting, editing, organizing, and, finally, publishing *Leaning Into The Wind*, an anthology of 245 works by 205 very audible authors.

Most of the pieces are short—the text runs to only 337 pages—and fully a quarter of them are in verse, but their voices are loud, clear, and authentic. And these are true stories, stories that make you laugh, make you cry, let you share desolation, and delight in the delivery of an astonishing number of farm animals.

Gaydell Maier came to Middlebury in September 1953, a first-year student from Long Island who could write really elegant essays. And I, too, came to Middlebury in September 1953, a first-year teacher fresh from graduate school at Yale. Gaydell had a powerful yearning to live in the West and transferred to the University of Wyoming, met and married Roy Collier, raised a family, wrote three books on horsemanship, and in 1990 was named Librarian of the Year by the Wyoming Library Association. In 1995 I retired after more than four decades of reading elegant essays written by Middlebury students. Gaydell Maier got me off to a good start! ■

By David Littlefield, Stewart Professor Emeritus

Northern Exposure



MOUNTAIN,

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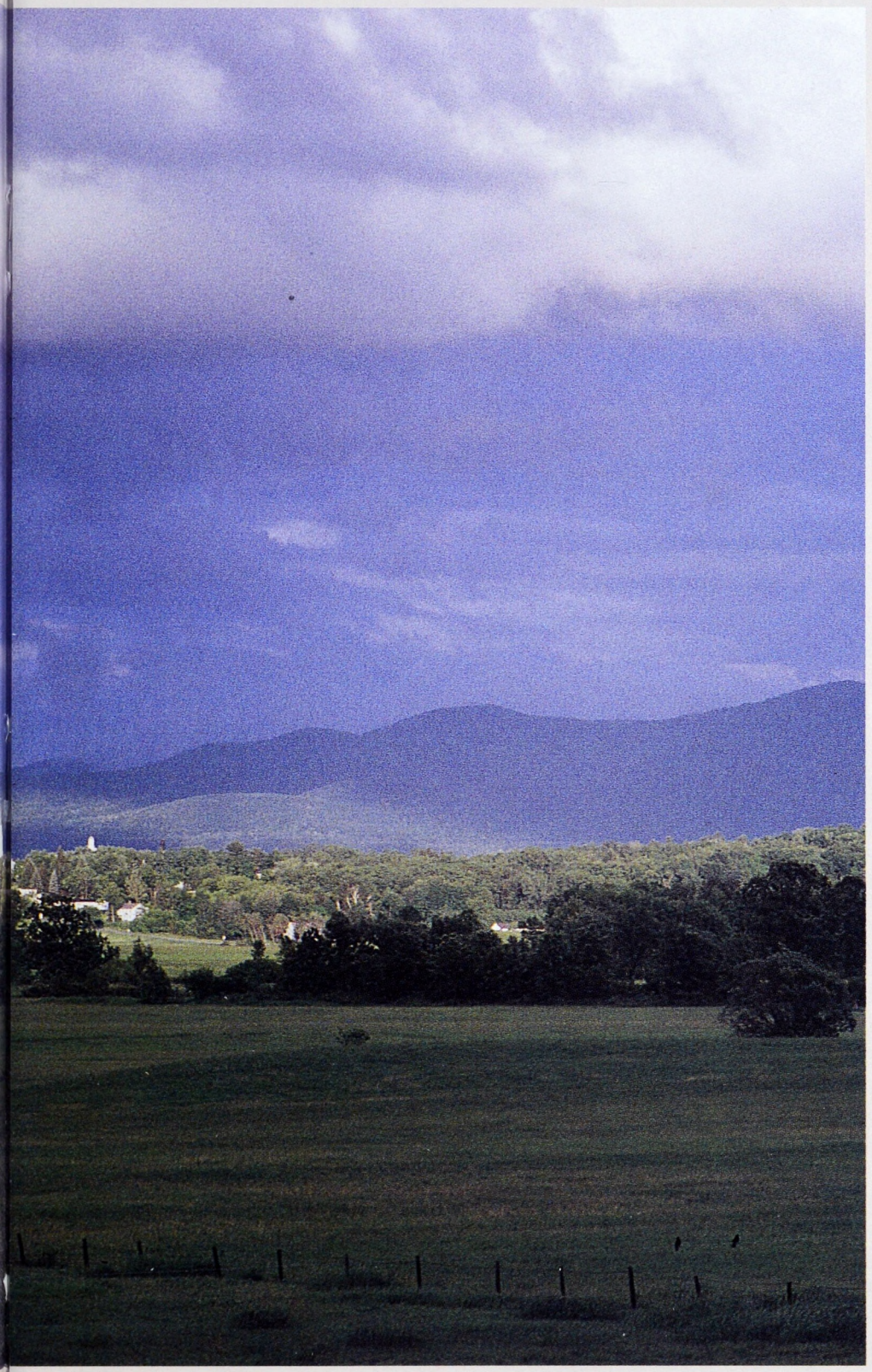

The College, sunlit beneath an ominous sky, as seen from Cornwall and Weybridge. Soon this view will reveal the new science center, Bicentennial Hall, which is currently under construction.

MEADOW & SKY

MIDD connections

ALUMNI CALENDAR

MAY

13	Wine Tasting, *NYC*
13	Bicentennial Campaign Launch Reception, *Minneapolis*
14	Bicentennial Campaign Launch Reception, *Cleveland*
15	Eighth Annual Golf Outing, *Cape Cod*
16	Rock Climbing & Hiking in Northern Georgia, *Atlanta*
29-31	Reunion Weekend, *Middlebury*

JUNE

12	Musical Noise/Funk, *Chicago*
13-23	Alumni Tour, Po River in Italy, Prof. John Hunisak
23	A Midsummer Night's Dream, *NYC*

JULY

1	Bicentennial Campaign Launch Reception, President McCardell, *London*

SEPTEMBER

2-6	Alumni College XXIII, *Bread Loaf Campus*
11-13	Gordon C. Perine Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

2-4	Fall Family Weekend I
9-11	Fall Family Weekend II
23-25	Homecoming Weekend

ALUMNI COLLEGE XXIII

Come Back to Bread Loaf, September 2-6, 1998

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The Sistine Chapel: Art in the Service of the Renaissance Papacy

John Hunisak, Professor of History of Art and Architecture

The Sistine Chapel may possess the highest density of great art in the western world. Pope Sixtus IV constructed the building and commissioned its first cycle of frescoes, painted by Botticelli, Perugino, Pinturicchio, and others. Sixtus's nephew, Pope Julius II, chose Michelangelo to paint the ceiling. Michelangelo also painted the Last Judgment on the western wall behind the altar for Pope Paul III. In this citadel of papal authority every image had to convey theological orthodoxy, as well as artistic splendor. We will study this great ensemble of frescoes both visually and symbolically, using slides made after the recent cleaning.

Controversial Issues in Legal Psychology

Michelle McCauley, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Psychology is intertwined with a host of controversial contemporary legal issues: jury selection and decision-making in death penalty cases, child witnesses, repressed memory testimony, attitudes toward women as defendants or victims, juvenile offenders' understanding of the legal system, and the influence of race on verdicts. We will discuss these issues as we examine psychology's growing role in the American legal system and consider the strengths and limitations of psychological research.

Austen, Brontë, and Dickens: Three Novels

Robert Hill, Henry N. Hudson Professor of English

We will read (or reread) and discuss three great 19th-century novels: *Pride and Prejudice, Wuthering Heights,* and *Great Expectations*, along with viewing a movie of each in the evenings. The course will focus on the dark sides to these works, which can come as something of a shock, particularly with Austen's "underworld" with her tempest in a teapot. Dickens directly addressed versions of that world, but only half knew what he was doing. Emily Brontë embraced all there is to know about violence, hatred, and vengeance.

Environmentalism and Globalization at the Millennium

Sunder Ramaswamy, Associate Professor of Economics, and Stephen Trombulak, Albert D. Mead Professor of Biology

Many of the most pressing issues of our time involve interactions among economic, social, and biological concerns. Should we give first priority to economic growth or environmental protection when planning for the next millennium? Under what circumstances can environmental and economic goals both be achieved? Is it possible to achieve a high global standard of living without degrading the environment? What ethical considerations should determine how economic and environmental policies are perceived and regulated? Middlebury's chairs of economics and environmental studies will bring their different perspectives to a free-ranging discussion of these and other questions as the class attempts to draw a global map of the future.

Reading the Campus

Glenn Andres, Professor of History of Art and Architecture

American college campuses, whether Jeffersonian villages or cities beautiful, medieval cloisters or picturesque parks, embody American ideals and ambitions in architecture and planning. Middlebury richly reflects this cultural history made material. We will use this tradition, with Middlebury as our prime example, to explore issues in American architectural style and imagery, landscape, and planning from the colonial to the post-modern periods. Our exploration will include documents, anecdotes, visionary drawings, historic photos, walks, and building tours.

Birds

Bruce Peterson, Professor of Mathematics and College Professor

No animals fascinate us as birds do. They occur as powerful symbols like the sacred ibis of Egypt, the dove of peace, or the phoenix rising from the ashes. They are sources of inspiration in the arts: the poetry of Dickinson and Whitman, the prose of Thoreau and Darwin, the music of Vivaldi and Vaughan-Williams, and the art of Audubon and Fuertes. We will interweave the aesthetic and the scientific as we consider the place of birds in the arts along with their evolution, courtship practices, breeding, behavior, and ecology. And we will walk, talk, and meet the birds of the late Vermont summer.

FACULTY

Glenn Andres has taught the history of architecture and urbanism at Middlebury since 1970. Glenn has been a frequent, and highly popular contributor to Alumni College, whether in the classroom, on walking tours, or combining a study of Vermont architecture with bicycling across the "bridges of Addison County." The author of *A Walking History of Middlebury,* he is currently working on a volume of Vermont architecture for the Buildings of the United States series sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians.

Robert Hill was an inaugural professor at Middlebury's first Alumni College and is one of the regular college's most committed teachers. Don't be put off by the dark

MCAA

CHAPTER NEWS

by Mark Ray '84, MCAA/Northern Vermont Chapter

I went to a wine tasting, but forgot to drink. The glasses of Vernaccia Di San Gimignano, Pinot Grigio, and Dolcetto D'Alba shimmered and aged untouched in front of me.

The oversight was not because I needed to drive home later that night—I neglected to eat the smoked trout canapé and swordfish bracciole, too.

The MCAA/Northern Vermont Chapter's Italian wine tasting and food pairings evening, a perfect backdrop to Professor John Hunisak's slide presentation, made me wonder why anyone would ever choose to—or need to—study anything but Italian art and architecture. (OK, I confess. I did eventually have some of the wine.)

Next time you pick up a bottle of Nino Franco Prosecco Rustico, NV, just imagine what it would be like for the chair of Middlebury's Department of Art and Architecture to almost pop out of the bottle. The dry, crisp, and lively wine from the Veneto region would be complemented by Professor Hunisak's animated and insightful commentary about Palladio's Villa Foscari, also known as Malcontenta, one of the finest villas in the Veneto.

Palladio himself may have enjoyed a few glasses of the Prosecco. The 44 fortunate alumni and friends attending, filled with images of the greatest accomplishments of Italian art and architecture, felt closer to Palladio and the other masters than a few sips of wine could explain.

Illustration by Susan Tucker Ceballos

undertone to his course description; there is always laughter, along with passionate discussion, in a Bob Hill class. Bob regularly teaches the 19th-century novel, and has published works on Tennyson, Henry James, Yeats, and Frost. A second edition of his *Tennyson's Poetry* is being published by Norton and should be available this summer.

John Hunisak has taught at Middlebury since 1970. His first visit to Alumni College was in 1978, and he has made several encore visits since then. John's scholarship has focused on 18th- to 20th-century art, as well as the Italian renaissance and baroque art. Students taking their first Hunisak class will discover that he possesses a remarkable talent for transmitting his passion for great art to his students. John is coauthor, with Glenn Andres and Richard Turner, of *The Art of Florence* (Abbeville Press, 1988).

Michelle McCauley, who joined the Middlebury faculty in 1995, is teaching her first Alumni College course. Besides teaching a highly successful seminar on the same topic, legal psychology is her research specialty. Her current research focuses on improving child eyewitnesses' memory and assessing adults' perceptions of child victims in the courts. Michelle currently is editing a book on international perspectives of child abuse.

Bruce Peterson has taught mathematics at Middlebury for 36 years, and has served in a number of key administrative positions at the College, including provost. Bruce also was the first director of Alumni College. As one would expect of a Middlebury alumnus, Bruce's interests and expertise extend beyond mathematics, most notably to a love of the outdoors and the study of birds. A professional field ornithologist, he teaches a first-year seminar on birds that is the model for his Alumni College course.

Sunder Ramaswamy, who is chair of economics, joined the Middlebury faculty in 1990. His scholarly specialties are international economics and the economics of developing countries. In addition to his academic research, Sunder has worked with USAID projects on agricultural development in sub-Saharan Africa and is currently engaged in a joint Reserve Bank of India-World Bank project on Indian economic reform. This is Sunder's third visit to Alumni College, where his clear and well-balanced presentations have made him a favoriteof students of diverse political and economic views.

Stephen Trombulak is chair of biology, and director of environmental studies. Since coming to Middlebury in 1985, Steve has been a leading figure in revitalizing Middlebury's environmental studies program. His research on strategies for the conservation of biodiversity has produced numerous publications on the application of conservation principles to public policy. Steve has served on Vermont and interstate committees relating to the future of forestry in New England, and has worked with nongovernmental groups to implement conservation strategies.

For information about events, call the Alumni Office (802) 443-5183.

Word Play

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NOSTALGIA

by Gertrude Bittle Murray '39

Look for each of the words in the diagram of letters reading in all directions (across, back, up, down and diagonally upward and downward). Some letters are used as part of more than one word, and some are not used in any of the words. Although there are 40 clues, there are only 39 words to be found in this puzzle. Thirty-nine is a special number for Gertrude Bittle Murray. It's the year she graduated from Middlebury.

1. Professor
2. Skiing
3. West Road
4. Panthers
5. Painter
6. Step singing
7. Gamaliel
8. Comprehensives
9. Prom
10. Math
11. Graduation
12. Snow sculpture
13. Hathaway
14. Breadloaf
15. Mountains
16. Porter
17. Prexy
18. Passion puddle
19. Clubs
20. Fraternity
21. Ski
22. Jump
23. Sorority
24. Literature
25. Choir
26. Carnival
27. President
28. Degree
29. Adirondacks
30. Moody
31. Midd
32. Chateau
33. Cap
34. Friends
35. Gown
36. Alumni
37. Astronomy
38. Dean
39. Golf
40. Fund

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1924

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; 207/967-2440.*

Amy Hunt Meek is resigning her position as class secretary: "What was an honor and a delight to serve as class secretary has now become a task I can no longer manage adequately," she writes. "I shall look forward to the magazine's arrival and shall continue to be very proud of all my Middlebury associations." Middlebury College is very grateful for her faithful service. ■ We regret to report the death of **Donald H. Cruikshank** on November 17, 1997. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

We regret to report the death of **Donald Banks** on September 30, 1997. A staunch Middlebury supporter, he returned to Middlebury whenever possible for reunion weekends and for Homecoming in the fall. Donald served as our class correspondent for some time and received an outstanding class secretary award in 1990. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1926

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

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1928

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

When I tell my friends that my college class will be observing its 70th Reunion this May, they look at me in a strange and disbelieving way. You, however, know it's true, for on Monday, June 18, 1928, we processed into the Middlebury Congregational Church, with Prof. Harry Owen at the organ. Surrounded by family and friends, we heard noted physicist Michael Pupin deliver the 128th Commencement address on the theme "What Makes Life Worth Living." Fortunately the College printed that address, which reads well in 1998, because I'm not sure we were really listening in 1928. However, when our very good friend "Prexy" began to read our names, which he knew very well, especially his daughter's, and to present our degrees individually, he had our full attention. Those were the joyful moments, before the reality of leaving our four-year home and classmates tempered them. I'm sure that becoming nonagenerians was not in our plans and dreams, but I can attest from your messages that we are handling the joys, "slings and arrows" that attaining these years bring very well. As for a 70th Reunion, although planning ahead is precarious, three of us hope to attend: **Margaret "Tib" Moody Rice**, **Elizabeth Hayes Balch**, and I hope to be in Middlebury for the Memorial Weekend festivities. ■ Now, let me thank you for the Christmas and New Year messages. Regrettably the message from **Storrs Lee** told of the death of his wife, Mary Louise, on December 28, 1997. They had observed their 66th wedding anniversary in their Pemaquid Point, ME, home just before her death. Mary Lou and Storrs hosted a '28 Reunion party at their Lodge Creek Middlebury "Domain" while they were both Middlebury faculty members. To Storrs, sons William Storrs Lee IV and Ralph Minor Lee, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, we extend our sympathy. ■ It was good to hear from **Marian Hinman Kemp**, now living in Newton, PA. Her father, as Middlebury Postmaster, handled our communications and those brown laundry cases. ■ **Ruth Simmons Dinkel** recalls her Weybridge House days. Her Chicago granddaughter flew to Ruth's Concord, NH, home with family gifts and inspired Ruth to host her traditional "Open House." ■ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in Rogue River, OR, and hopes to be in VT for our 70th Reunion. ■ **Edward "Hank" Ferry** writes from Amherst, MA: "I'm perking along, day by day." We know that those days will shortly include Red Sox baseball. ■ **Helen Revere Hatch** sends greetings from Venice, FL, where symphony committee, women's club, sorority club, and bridge keep her busy between Costa Rica visits. ■ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** has enjoyed visits with her daughter in Beaver, PA, including attending concerts and plays presented by students at the Univ. of Gettysburg. We might see her in May if she is still living in Greenfield, MA. Moving to PA is in her plans. ■ It's always a pleasure to hear from Frederick **Coombs**, who remembers attending our 50th Reunion with **Florence Philipsen Coombs** and continues to support Middlebury. His new home is a retirement home in Singerlands, NY. ■ Greetings, too, from Evelyn **Carney**, who is enjoying the arts and crafts classes that braille offers. She writes that she is coping with sight problems, enjoying life, but not dancing. She and **Ab** were our dancing pair. ■ I too joined the 90s with family, friends, too many photographs, and balloons that refuse to shrink. ■ Assignment: If you still have our 50th "Yearbook," read **Storrs Lee**'s wonderful "In Retrospection" and **Charles Malam**'s and **Nan Belisle Daley**'s poems.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

We regret to report the death of **Katharyn E. Pierce** on July 17, 1997. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue for **W. Gilbert Cole**, who

died on January 7. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife Dorothy and to his very extensive Middlebury family, including his sisters, Zella Cole Hibbert '28 and Marion Cole Morhouse '36. Another sister, Virginia Cole '31, died in 1995.

1930

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We regret to report the death of **Wilhelmina C. Hayes**, of Laguna Hills, CA, on December 7, and of **Mary Bowdish Mansfield**, of Newtown Square, PA, on December 22. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue.

1931

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View Apt. 218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

We regret to report the death of **Harriet W. Eliot** on October 13, 1997, and send the sympathy of the class to her family. ■ A memorial appeared in the winter issue for **Caroline Balmer Thomas**, who died on December 9, 1997. Condolences go to her husband of 64 years, Joseph S. Thomas, and all the family.

1932

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

Marian Willcox Patterson is now at Helen Porter Nursing Home, South Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. ■ Our classmates are saddened by news of the death of the Rev. **George Owen** on December 2, 1997. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **Frances Gale Dulac** suffered a severe reaction to sulfa treatment last winter, followed by a long convalescence. ■ **Fred Weaver** is still teaching night school four nights a week. He keeps in touch with **Cal Lilly**. ■ **Jane Griswold** has recovered nicely from a hip replacement last August. ■ A breezy New Year's greeting comes from **Elsa Smith Beardsley**: "Never thought I'd make it into the year 2000. Haven't yet!"

1933

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

A holiday note from **Philip Carpenter** bore the sad news that wife **Helen Easton Carpenter** has had so many physical problems that she must now be in the assisted-care unit of their health care complex. Our love goes out to them, for so many years co-secretaries for our class, seeing us through our glorious 50th Reunion and on, until 1993. ■ News from Rose and **George Siipola** in NC told of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary from NJ to CA, with their four children present at the start (with a "BANG!") and continuing with many high spots along the way. Congratulations! ■ Beverly, wife of Col. **Ralph Huse**, was good enough to let me know of his death on November 2, 1997. Check his bio in our 50th Reunion Yearbook to review his very impressive advance over 24 years in the U.S. Army, from which he retired in 1966 with the rank of colonel. The sympathy of our class goes to Beverly and all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ Elsewhere in this issue is a memorial for **H. Alan Painter**, who died on January 24. During the depths of the Depression, Alan was offered a reporting job by his mentor, publisher Daniel Howard Moreau '20. Just 15 months later came the story of a lifetime, when Alan was the local reporter at the world-famous Hauptmann trial for the Lindbergh baby kidnapping and murder. We extend the sympathy of the class to his son, Alan S. Painter '57, and his family. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Douglas Short** from a heart attack on February 5. Our condolences go to his wife, Rosemary, and all the family. ■ Our much-anticipated "65th in '98" is almost upon us. Dale and I are looking forward to seeing you there. We now number about 50 "survivors," and we hope that all who are able to travel will gather at Midd! Y'all come! Middlebury '33—RAH!

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Once again your secretary, **Eleanor Orde Reid**, has been traveling—flying to Los Angeles in early December to board a flight to Hong Kong. Friends met us at the airport and took us to their apartment on beautiful Discovery Bay for rest and lunch, after which we saw Hong Kong and its harbor and had dinner at a restaurant on Victoria Peak, overlooking the city. We boarded the Royal Caribbean *Sun Viking* cruise ship for our cruise through Southeast Asia, which included a day in Canton, China, followed by four days in Vietnam, including two days in Ho Chi Min City (Saigon). There was a day in Singapore, Indonesia, followed by a day in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Three days in Thailand ended in beautiful Bangkok, the "Venice of the Far East." It was an interesting and exciting trip with so much to see everywhere. I was impressed with the fine cities and the harbors, lined with great container ships from all over the world. There were many small motor bikes, as well as bicycles, buses, and cars. There were so many people and, of course, poverty. From Bangkok we flew to Tokyo, to Los Angeles, and then to Philadelphia and Lebanon, arriving home shortly before Christmas Day. Finally, I send greetings to my classmates, all 70 of you scattered around the country. Surely you are moving around and doing interesting things. Please contact your class secretaries.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Doris Anderson Carlson enjoyed such activities as the Christmas-tree-lighting program and a play-reading by the drama group, as she began her second year in her retirement community in Worcester, MA. She is often asked to play the piano and lead sing-alongs from her large collection of songs familiar to our generation. Husband Eric's hip replacement was completely successful, so they could travel to their son's home in Belmont for Thanksgiving. Granddaughter Laurel is a member of the same sorority at the Univ. of MI that Doris belonged to at Middlebury—a surprise to both of them. ■ **Virginia Easler Wilson** and Carroll continue to travel in the U.S. and abroad. She had a great Christmas present when Carroll was able to leave the hospital on December 21 after heart surgery. If you plan a trip to the eastern provinces of Canada, she has a lot of helpful information on a variety of subjects—from doll collections to the Evangeline Country, and much more, some personal and some historical. ■ **Louise Fleig Newman** has begun the search for a retirement community with "a minimum of two rooms—*large* rooms." A family birthday party for a 90-year-old member reads like an international gathering from all points of the compass. Louise was also hoping to see **Louise Gerlitz Ebner**, a business associate whom she persuaded to go to Midd and who now works for the John Ankerburg evangelist group, based in Chattanooga, TN. Having just read the two volume history of the College, by David Stameshkin, Avis sees a trace of the century-old evangelism that has often been a major factor in the College's growth. ■ **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** traveled to MD for Thanksgiving with son Danny's family, and to VA with granddaughter Carol Cleverdon Booth, when David Booth was installed as a rabbi. Despite fantastic changes since 1941, the Tidewater area reminded her of **Virginia Easler Wilson** and **Avis Fischer** calling on the Cleverdons when they lived in Franklin. With daughter Ruth, Gertrude was happy to remain at RiverMead for Christmas, when they made their family holiday visits by telephone. ■ **Natalie Dunsmoor** has made frequent trips to PA to help care for her sister and to enable her sister to vacation at her beloved lake cottage. Natalie flew to Rock Hill, SC, in November to visit her ESL student and family, after which she attended the 35th National Conference of Literacy Volunteers of America. A very sad part of her year was losing many old friends—an experience we in our 80s all share. ■ A Christmas card with the smiling faces of **Faith Arnold Diver** and Howard will find its way to the Scrap Book, which is disgracefully skimpy: Send photos! Faith writes that her grandson is an exchange student at the Univ. of Hawaii. Where were such opportunities when we were in college? She and Howard are delighted with the environmental efforts of Congressman Bill Delahunt '63. ■ **Jean Wiley Zwickel** deplores her less-than-ideal physical condition and absent-mindedness. Sound familiar? She has added a Filipino student to her tutoring list and writes frequently to friends in prison to keep them informed about their country. ■ Over the past few years, former Senator **Bob Stafford**'s trips to Washington to attend the various charitable boards on which he served have gradually dropped away. Among the activities he is still involved with are the Red Cross and the President Coolidge Foundation. His main purpose in writing recently was to tell about a friend from freshman year who played left end while Bob was left tackle on the football team. In sophomore year **Carl Hiller** transferred elsewhere but still remembers Midd with pleasure and would like to hear from us. His address is Mountain View Center, 9 Haywood Ave., Rutland, VT 05701. ■ News has been received from the Westerly, RI, Hospital of the death of **Fred Woodbury**. He was a faithful volunteer there and his help was

much appreciated. He will be sorely missed at the hospital. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Our numbers grow smaller as the years go by.

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Beaver Meadow Village, 21 Piscataqua Rd., Concord, NH 03301.*

Cay Lippincott Clark, who transferred to Smith after freshman year, has kept up her Midd contacts. She taught school in her native Copake Falls, NY, where her husband built the house in which she still lives. Two daughters and one son live nearby; another son lives in the Midwest. Still active, she spends most of her time with old friends—one from kindergarten days—pointing up one advantage of retiring in your home town. **Lloyd Williams** also taught school and still lives there. ■ **Mavis Jones Little** thinks she doesn't have any news at this time, but don't most of us feel that way at this point in life? She no longer does volunteer work, as it is too hard to get around. She was going to FL in February. ■ **Irene Bonnett Webb** lives in The Pines retirement community in Davidson, NC. One daughter's husband is a prof. at Davidson College. Another daughter lives in Atlanta. Irene has two grandsons and one great-grandson (9 mos. old). ■ **Phyl Sanderson** says her big trips are over and claims she doesn't do anything, but nobody believes that. She keeps busy with a new senior center in Beverly, MA, which has about 1,000 members and many activities. She feels most fortunate to have lovely folks in her neighborhood. ■ **Harmony Buell Cobb** says they went West over the holidays, enjoying two different Christmases in one week in Portland, OR, with some of her family, and then to CA to be with some of Ray's family. They especially enjoyed the beautiful Marin County Headlands, across the bay from San Francisco. ■ **Virginia Rich Woodman**, who had a knee operation the first week in December, is doing very well. ■ **Ret Hanson Herrington** reports they were very fortunate during the recent ice storm that hit northern NY, VT, NH, and ME. They lost electricity for a day or so but, with a generator and a wood stove, they were lucky. They did not have ice, but places a mile away and further north were devastated, many without electricity for weeks. Nothing like it within anyone's memory. ■ **Louise Hubbard McCoy** keeps busy doing things for Middlebury and still corresponds with Dr. Freeman. She is especially involved with her music and piano. ■ **Roxana Lewis Blackmore** feels lucky to be very healthy. She writes that she didn't feel healthy when living in Whitehall, NY, "because of the smoky environment of the active R.R. business." She is happy to remember being at Midd, where she could "walk those long walks between classes and up the hill to chapel in that invigorating VT air." ■ **Dick Hubbard** discussed the unusual meteorology of the ice storm in January. Altitude played a role in some high level towns, but Burlington was severely damaged with the surprisingly low altitude of 100 feet. There was no damage south of Middlebury. The third factor, temperature, impressed Dick most of all, remaining at 29 degrees during four days and nights, while atop Mt. Washington it reached 40 degrees during some of the worst of the icing in NH. ■ **Phil Taft** reports that he and wife Ads have completed their travels to the seven continents. He recently read Barbara Tuchman's *The Final Salute* and anticipated with enthusiasm one of her earlier books, *The Guns of August*. More and more he understands his grandfather's enjoyment of just "sitting by the fire." ■ **Don Easler** continues his interest in the game of golf, but he and **Carol Wheeler Easler** "have exchanged our golf sticks for walking sticks." Asked if at age 20 he would have signed a make-believe insurance policy that guaranteed living to age 70, but not one day more, his answer was "yes, indeed." His past 10 or more "extra" years have been very worthwhile. ■ **Martin Tierney** has enjoyed tennis, as well as keeping up with advances in physics and math. He recalls especially his appreciation of Professors Bowker and Neuse, and jokes about wishing there were more room for class pictures: "I am as handsome as ever." Karline's expertise as a senior engineer with Ciba-Geigy brought them to Ridgefield 14 years ago, but this winter they were moving to the Charlestown Retirement Center (717 Maiden Choice Ln., #STT03, Cantonsville, MD 21228). ■ Our class has an enviable record for annual giving to Middlebury before and after our 50th Reunion. **Dick Chase** and **Mary Williams Brackett** continue good work as ongoing class agents. Dick writes, "Mary and I were pleased when they presented us the Bob Leonard Trophy for last year's efforts." Fortunately they are both involved in the ongoing Bicentennial Development Fund. ■ Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, resident **George Robbins** has lived in FL for many years. He has enjoyed his career, and much of his reading relates to the scientific aspect of his consulting work. We remarked on classmates' voices sounding now as they did 60 years ago: like a musical instrument we maintain the same pitch and tone. ■ Katie and **Gus Brooks** enjoyed midsummer visits in Concord from honorary classmate **Al Spendlove**, widower of **Dorothy Symond Spendlove**. He drove over from his summer place in ME for lunch—a delightful time in town with good food and good talk. Later he sent a letter enclosing the label removed from a bottle of "Copper Ale" from Otter Creek Brewing, Inc., in Middlebury. His daughter in PA had sent some to Al, so this label has found its way from Middlebury to PA to Concord, NH, a delightful memento. ■ A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue for **Katherine Chaffee Robinson**, who died February 12. We send the condolences of the Class of '36 to her family.

Asked if at age 20 he would have signed a make-believe insurance policy that guaranteed living to age 70, but not one day more, his answer was "Yes, indeed." His past 10 or more "extra" years have been very worthwhile.
Don Easler
1936

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 80 Lyme Rd., #215, Hanover, NH 03755.*

Charlie Harvi writes that he and Dody are still living in the "old house," but sometimes he feels it is a bit large for an 85-year-old man to maintain. Summers are great at their summer sojourn on Great Sprucehead Island, ME, as daughter "Muff" flies over from Germany, bringing granddaughter Sonia, who teaches the vacationing family German. Son John has recently married a charming young lady. Winter is heartened by weekly concerts by the Boston Symphony and some bits of cross-country skiing and cruising. ■ A most humorous letter from **Clifford "Bliff" Laws** tells of some 60 years in the ministry, serving churches in VT, NH, and ME, and of 20 years in retirement in Kittery Point, ME—all those years in reasonably good health. Suddenly a strange infection left him with one blind eye and caused considerable frustrations, like difficulty in signing his name. He apologized for the letter he wrote, which actually was easy to read and included a very funny face at the end. Join the club, Bliff. ■ **Ruth Furness Lombardy**'s letter gives the strong impression that she is a very busy lady, with church work, playing bridge, keeping up with senior citizen doings, and being active in the Somerville Civic League. Son Steve is living with her, which she feels is a wonderful break for many reasons. Son Ned '62, who lives nearby, and his three daughters visit often and are truly a positive part of her life. Ruth tells us she is "pretty good"—a bit lame, with "tummy troubles" and dizzy spells, but she laughingly says she has "always been a bit dizzy." Such great humor! ■ A short note from **Bill Heinz** suggests his more than half century in journalism qualifies him to say "nothing eventful in the news line has happened to him." Still, we are glad to hear from you, Bill. You might be surprised how we '37ers like to know how everyone is doing. ■ **Sue Hathaway Hopper** writes that the life-size panther at the top of the football field is a great addition to the campus. All is well with her. ■ **Rita Cosenza Moore** writes of a wonderful family reunion last summer in NH with her four children, six grandchildren, family and friends. A great week! Both Rita and husband William are well and enjoying their home and are able to get about. (Sorry your note just missed the winter issue, Rita.) ■ Your secretary, **Barbara Gregory Hopkins** is disappointed we did not hear from more of you. Send your cards! It will be good to hear from you anytime. Our winter in WI is not typical—thank goodness! Warmer temperatures than usual and still a bit of snow to brighten the "gray landscape." I keep busy enough not to dwell on the "stages of aging." I am excited about a cruise to Panama coming up in March. It will be interesting to see what has happened to the beautiful Canal Zone where we lived for three happy years. I am making the trip with another "golden-ager," a high school classmate. Will report on our trip next time. ■ We send the condolences of the class to the families of three classmates recently departed: **Robert I. Morgan** on August 20, 1997; **Ruby Reeve Priapi** on January 8, 1998; and **Helen Whittle Scott** on November 4, 1997.

SEND US YOUR "DUPES"!

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1938

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03302.*

Jean Dusenbury Brown (new address: 888 E. Clinton St., #1102, Phoenix, AZ 85020) says, "See you at Reunion!" Dusey's 80th birthday last February was observed in great style by her family. Daughter Mimi and son Will and his wife took Dusey to New York City for opera—"Being at the Met again brought tears to my eyes"—a master class with Dixie Carter, plays, and the big AKC Dog Show. "A great time!" Dusey also has fond memories of her trip to England in '95 for son Will's wedding, when she also "got to Shrewsbury and found the ruins of the abbey in the Brother Cadfael books by Ellis Peters." This February she began volunteering at the local school on Tuesdays and she goes back to Sun City on Thursdays. In the bad news department, Dusey fell in July while chasing her Sheltie puppy and broke her left hip. "Don't do that! The most debilitating and aging thing you can imagine!" The hip has healed, but she wisely gave the Sheltie to grandson Philip (11) and together the two won third place in an adult obedience class! Philip's father is Dusey's son Dwight, who directs the orchestra and teaches strings in Del Rio, TX. ■ **Ellen Pierson Manser** writes that she is "a very contented resident of Pennswood Village, a Quaker-directed continuing care residential community. I have lived here now 12 1/2 years. I came with my husband, Gordon, who died April 30, 1995. I will miss him forever, as we had 47 wonderful years together. I have two sons who live in the Philadelphia area and four grandchildren, ranging from 9 to 18—the joy of my life. I have been recently elected to Pennswood Corporate board for a three-year term." ■ **Marian Hewes McKenney**, who has completed 14 years as secretary of the Little Falls, NY, Historical Society, is also serving as secretary of the local AARP. She writes: "Life certainly doesn't get boring. In a few minutes I'm heading for our museum where I work on Tuesdays year around." ■ **Bet Osborne Hadden Peelor** writes from her FL winter home that she is uncertain as to whether she will be able to attend our upcoming class reunion, but will try. ■ **Ruth Sheldon Pratt** notes that health and distance have been the determining factors in her decision not to return. Our ranks are becoming thinner each year, due in large measure to poor health. ■ Our love and sympathy go to **Florence Hulme Miner** and her three children. Jim's death in early November is a loss to all his classmates. He will be sadly missed at our 60th Reunion. Speaking of reunion, we hope that many of the Class of '38 will be with us in Middlebury the last weekend in May. It was good to learn through **Janet Randall Morgan** that **Phyllis Malcolm Mithassel** will be coming from Seattle, WA. If any of our classmates would care to drive a half hour north of Middlebury on the Sunday afternoon of Reunion Weekend, **Art Gilbert** and **Tommy Leslie Hall** would be delighted to welcome you and give you a tour of Wake Robin's beautiful campus and residences. ■ It is always great to hear from classmates and get their perspective on town and college. **Marge Cady** enjoys walking the so-familiar streets, noting that even the campus isn't all that strange, despite the new buildings and the extensions of the old ones. "I do see people when they come back for reunions—at least the ones just above and below ours. Quite a few alums live hereabouts. The faces of the townspeople weren't too familiar at first, but after eight years here, I'm beginning to feel totally at home." Speaking of our class, she writes, "Our numbers are dwindling. We need to get as many back for reunion as we can. It is true that each one should do a little plugging." She reports having "a little grandson since I last saw you. He is 19 months old and just got his first little-boy haircut. I almost cried when I saw his curls cut off yesterday, but he is adorable and loves to come to 'Nana's House.'" Marge has a granddaughter in Greece and a grandson going to Africa for a month with his class. "It is amazing how the young ones get around. I stay put, rooted like a carrot, but perfectly happy to be so." Marge mentions **Sue Hathaway Hopper**, whom she sees in church, as she also does Dr. Freeman. She is doing programs for the AAUW and the Midd Artists' Association. She concludes by noting that the Writing Workshop is still the activity she likes best. ■ Sincere thanks to all classmates, but especially **Becki Abbott Brooks**, **Tommy Leslie Hall**, and **Betty Gates Tuttle** for their support and help during my third five-year stint as class secretary. It has been a wonderful back-in-time experience and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

We hope our classmates have not been suffering from any of the El Niño weather disasters. Christmas cards brought news from some of you. ■ **Louise Roberts Avery** enjoyed a tour to England in October. At Christmastime she was involved with her family, then settled into a snowy VT winter. ■ **Dede Bennett** and Tom are looking forward to a family reunion in June when their grandson will be married. They enjoy their home and activities in Ithaca. ■ **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** expressed how quickly years seem to go by nowadays. Considering her activities, it's understandable how time must fly by. She completed her DAR video project and joined 50 DAR members, including the president general, on a memorable "Red Carpet" trip to Edinburgh, London, and Paris last fall. She was also present at the dedication of the monument for Women in the Military Service of America at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. In between travels, Joyce keeps busy seeing her three sons and seven grandchildren, so her life is "busy, active and enjoyable." ■ Our history buff **Bob Cushman** is the registrar for the Addison County Grammar School Corporation, created November 8, 1797, to build the first Middlebury grammar school. The Corp. still owns and controls Storrs Park, the area west of Twilight Hall (the former grammar school). Stephen Freeman, who is soon to mark his centennial, has served on the board for decades and is still a member, although he recently resigned as chairman. Our class is most grateful to Bob for saving the tree our class planted in Storrs Park at our 50th. The local power company had put in a new line of poles to the College and came to the Grammar School Corp. board for an easement. When he checked out the job, Bob discovered they had set one pole beside our tree and had run a guy wire right down through it and anchored it in front of the tree near our class plaque. "The upshot of the whole thing was that the Grammar School Corp. refused to sign the easement unless that pole was moved—and eventually it was!" Way to go, Bob! Bob and Correan were looking forward to spending two February weeks in Bermuda. Best to them both. ■ We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Jeanette Olson Gould**, who lost her mother in November at the age of 102. We understand her sorrow at her loss. We have wonderful memories of her parents and ours at Middlebury. Jeanette and **Olive Holbrook Nagle** had a great trip in the fall to Amsterdam and then down the Rhine to Strasbourg and Paris. Jeanette also visited with **Bettie Letson** in Lexington, MA. ■ A beautiful picture of their lovely 18th-century colonial home in Whately, MA, graced the Christmas card of Bill '41 and **Bert Waite Markland**. After a miserable 1996, due to health and various other problems, Bert and Bill found 1997 an improvement. They had a trip to Nova Scotia with daughter Judy and husband, then celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in Kennebunkport, ME. ■ **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray**, who have been married for 56 years, enjoy residing in Cornwall-on-Hudson, with daughter Martha and husband and their four children nearby. Tom was New York Military Academy's football coach, athletic director, asst. director of Camp All America, and social studies teacher from the 1940s through the '60s. He was recently greeted by former players and honored at the 50th reunion of the 1947 football team. Tom celebrated his 81st birthday in September. ■ **Frank Parker** enjoyed a visit from his granddaughters, who live in Stockholm, during the summer. A bicycle accident of 10 years past was catching up with him, but he has four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren "to back him up." Way to go, Frank—hope you'll be okay. ■ A wonderful Christmas letter from Marilyn and **Roger Thompson** told of their 1997 travels. They visited national parks, Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion, and did a raft trip on the Colorado. They were in Green Bay for Christmas. (The Packers lost, but Carol won $40 in a pool for guessing the correct total score.) In November, they had a great tour of New Zealand and Australia, including Ayers Rock, a bushman's dinner at Alice Springs, Cairns, Dunk Island, the Great Barrier Reef, and the rain forest. Our sympathy to Roger on the death of his sister-in-law. ■ Christmas time was merry for **Ruthie Skinner** as she spent time with her daughter's family, including two great-grandchildren. One is already skiing at 3 1/2. Ruthie is still in her lovely house in Danville and she keeps us informed of our VT classmates' doings. She had been in touch with **Evie Wheeler Stagg** and husband Dave, who have had health problems. They were in VT last summer and then went to FL. We all send our best wishes to them. ■ **Bettie Letson** and **Pat Brewer Chadwick** took several bus trips together in '97—one to ME, where they visited with John and **Betty Riexinger Mettler**. The Mettlers are planning a cruise through the Panama Canal in February. They will also visit various islands in the Gulf and the Pacific. ■ **Bert MacFadden** is "still doing pediatrics and adolescent medicine," as well as "covering much ground in Siberian Husky shows." Bert wrote that he and Petra "will soon be returning to Sidney, the Great Barrier Reef, and on up to Indonesia and Singapore, loving that world as we do, for an annual getaway. May the ticking clock allow us all to reune in '99." ■ **Joe Trask**'s family was flying to FL in February to help him celebrate his 80th birthday. Our best wishes and congratulations, Joe! He and Anne are looking forward to our 60th! We hope all our classmates are also. 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1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Homecoming weekend in October was an outstanding one, as the Bicentennial campaign for Middlebury College was launched. There were many activities to attend, including lectures, concerts, a football game, the dedication of the panther sculpture at the football field, and a super dinner held at the fieldhouse. Classmates who attended, besides your secretaries, included **Jean Sweeny Hancock**, **Marj Striker Burditt**, and **Louise Gove Hawkins**. **Ed Reichert** was in town to attend a Chi Psi corporation meeting. He was en route to a reunion of shipmates from World War II. We were happy to hear that **Glenn Leggett** has returned home, after a couple of months in the hospital recovering from a series of major surgeries. ■ From Christmas cards received, we have scraped up some news. From **Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard** a college picture of them and a photo of them today. Really great! ■ **Lois Gillette Thorkilsen** says she is struggling to be better organized, with grandchildren visiting. They sure do keep a person hopping. ■ **Betty Miller Palen** became a great-grandmother on November 30, 1997. Graham Robert Williams, son of her grandson Neal, was born in Rosamond, CA. She hoped to visit him this spring in Rapid City, SD, where Neal will be working. Betty was planning a trip to Holland and Belgium in early April. As she says, "things are far from dull." ■ **Laura Smith Whitworth**'s two grandsons tried out for berths on the Olympic cross-country ski team. We hope they succeeded. ■ **Betty Forman Hummel** and Nick have a grandson starting college at the Univ. of MT in Missoula. Another grandson is a graduate student, studying law, and another one just graduated from the Univ. of AZ. They still all get together at the NJ shore in the summer. ■ **Bobbie Peek Loftin** sounds happy in her new VA abode, where she looks forward to our celebration in June 2000. Wow! Sixty years! Hard to believe. ■ **Jean Rose Cozzens** sounds as busy as ever down in Dallas. She always was a cat lover and now a new one has adopted her. (We have some barn cats at the Cape who have become good pals.) Jean is busy with the League of Women Voters' activities. She enjoyed Thanksgiving in Philadelphia at her son's, but was happy to return to TX out of the cold. Granddaughter Jean is a sophomore at the Univ. of Chicago; a grandson is a junior at the Germantown Friend's School, and another is in seventh grade. ■ Patsy and **Asa Shiverick** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in '97. Their card had a great photo of them, plus a group picture of their many good-looking grandchildren. ■ **Jean Sweeny Hancock** was spending the Christmas holidays in Chicago with daughter Cindy and her husband Steve and their kids. Bethany (14) is a freshman in high school; Peter (12) is in 6th grade; and Christopher (10) is in 4th grade. Jean has had a busy year, adjusting to life without John. In the summer she had a visit with both sides of the family, giving the southern little ones a chance to see who the character Aunt Jean is. She enjoyed the Homecoming Weekend in the fall, and it was good to see her once again. ■ Your secretaries have enjoyed the winter, skiing when the snow conditions are perfect, indoor tennis, and being spectators at the men's and women's basketball games. We are proud and happy to have a granddaughter, Hilary Johnson, accepted on early decision to be a member of next September's freshman class at Middlebury—a third generation Midd kid! ■ Walter '37 and **Bobbie Carrick Brooker** look forward to June, when they will join a tour group in Italy to cruise down the Po River, a trip sponsored by Middlebury and several other colleges.

1941

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Ruth Packard Jones, RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

Many of the items in this report are attributable to material provided by **Ruth "Packie" Jones**, whom we welcome as co-class secretary, and who spent most of the winter in Destin, FL. ■ **Peg Waller Glazier** writes: "We rented an apartment in Italy for two weeks in September in the Piedmont area, right in the middle of the Barolo wine growing area. We climbed in castles, shopped in open air markets, got lost, and sampled a lot of Italian food and wines. Renting a house or apartment is a great way to get to know the people." ■ Marc and **Peg Williams Rhodes** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October at a party organized by their four children. ■ **Bill Littlehale** endured the rigors of winter for several weeks in New Smyrna Beach, FL, where he stays with his sister-in-law. While there Bill succumbed to the lure of Thespis and trod the boards as an amateur actor. Tell us more! ■ **Ed** and **Barbara Warren Loftus** have moved to a condominium in a retirement community following Ed's illness. Their new address is 1080 Westfield St., #205, Oshkosh, WI 54901. ■ **Jim Cassedy**, who insists that he is definitely *not* retired, continues his research and writing in the field of American history. ■ **Caroline Butts Dodge** spent two months in the winter warmth of our peninsula state, Florida, mostly to benefit her health, not for any particular affection for the place; unlike **Howard Hasbrouck**, who resides in the sunny climes of Spring Hill, FL, 10 months, while spending the summer at a cabin in MI. ■ Bill and **B. Grow Grim** continue their busy involvement in senior volunteer activities on citizen boards in Lincoln, MA. To relax they recently spent three weeks in England, Scotland, and Wales. ■ A holiday greeting from Priscilla and **John Hicks** promised a May or June visit to Middlebury in conjunction with her 50th class reunion at Wellesley College. ■ **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** writes that she and Paul had a delightful cruise to Bermuda to celebrate their 52nd anniversary. Elsa is in a study club about South America. ■ **Mose** and **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard** have had a good year, apart from a holiday respiratory affliction. "Wolfie" has completed a term as president of the local library, putting together a team that raised over $575,000 from a community of 10,000, doubling the library's size. Mose has helped to organize an "ILR" Institute for Learning in Retirement, affiliated with Elderhostel, which has over 400 members. ■ Sadly we note the death of **Red Hutton**, who was with us for two of our undergraduate years. A source of considerable mirth for his brothers at KDR, he lettered in hockey. Red was a delightful companion at many of our class reunions. He was a talented musician, wood carver of birds, a community volunteer in a variety of useful activities, and a splendid humorist. We shall miss his lively wit, great spirit, and loyal friendship. Our condolences go to his wife, **Virginia Brooks Hutton**, their three children—Jon, Jean, and Robert—grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We implore you to communicate, dear friends, for old time's sake, *por favore!*

***Jean Dusenbury Brown** fell in July while chasing her Sheltie puppy and broke her left hip. The hip has healed, but she wisely gave the Sheltie to grandson Philip (11) and together the two won third place in an adult obedience class!*

1938

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Thank you all for your Christmas cards—without them there wouldn't be much news. **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** left snowy Syracuse to go to Keene, NH, for Christmas with son Andy and family. ■ John and **Mary Eimer Leinbach** sent their usual informative and amusing year-end report. The BIG news was the wedding of son Thomas who found a bride after 46 years, and a beautiful one judging by her picture. Call Mary for wedding details. Mary is winning golf tournaments, playing duplicate bridge games, not neglecting church choir, and finding new doctors every week for John. They cruised to the Caribbean in the dry season—but unfortunately it poured. ■ **Charlie** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** visited daughter Becky, who is getting her certification for holistic nursing. We all have hordes of grandchildren, but these two have three *great*-grandchildren (6, 3, and 2). ■ **Ann Curtis Wood** is still volunteering at Brooklyn Botanical Garden between trips. She spent three weeks in France, one in Paris, one in Brittany, and one in Normandy. In the fall, she went to Sicily and Malta. She is still doing renovations on her house. (That's one of the delights of charming older homes.) One of her daughters is writing books and the other is modeling computer programs on energy and climate. ■ **Dixie Davis** said that memories of our beautiful years at Midd are always on his mind. We *were* fortunate, weren't we! ■ **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** visited us and we had our usual grudge game of bridge. They have entered the world of computers, with Meg a little more enthusiastic than Bill. They were lounging in the Tucson sun in February. ■ **Dottie Milligan Schuck** and **Hope Redway** reported that their tour on the Seine was super. Dottie flies all over and hit NJ for Christmas. ■ Harry and **Sue Hulings Ottinger** are no slouches at travel either. They took their children and grandchildren to Greece and Turkey. Sue was fascinated by Ephesus, and the kids, who live in NM, loved the island beaches. Both grandchildren are going to Europe next year—one with a French class, the other to sing in Westminster Abbey with a choir. ■ **Nina Camuti Danielsen** spent Thanksgiving in New Orleans and Ba-

ton Rouge with eldest son Brian and wife. The climate reminded her of the Italian Riviera—77 degrees—but she came home with a cold. She still misses **Elma Boyer** and their visits and laughs together. ■ **Joan Calley Cooper**, who took the long ride to New Zealand and Australia in the fall, said the Red Desert is magical and snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef a thrill. She enjoyed everything about New Zealand. ■ **Helen Hooley Young** didn't have so much fun. She had to settle the estate of Jack's sister, which included dismantling the house and dividing the spoils. She did get time off for Thanksgiving with her daughter Pat, but brother John and family visited her at Christmas for 15 days! ■ **Peter J. Stanlis**, Distinguished Prof. of Humanities, Emeritus, at Rockford College in IL, was the author of an essay in a recent issue of the quarterly journal *Modern Age*. In his article, Peter argues that conversation was the critical element in Robert Frost's poetry and was the basis for his theory of language. Rather than conventional literary usage, he contends, Frost was after a "poetry that talked." ■ We regret to report that everyone's good and dear friend **Bill Wood** died on January 11. His Christmas card said he had spent four days in the hospital in July with a respiratory infection and as a result had a new motorized wheelchair with space for oxygen and ventilator. What a good sport he was for decades. We send the sympathy of the class to his family, Sally Wood Needell '75, Peter W. Wood '71, and Joseph S. Wood '68. His wife, Virginia Wynn Wood '43, died in 1986. ■ Last and least, the Bateses. When Bob '54 and Betsy Heath Gleason '58 visited, we introduced them to ACC football, among other activities. We were also in New Orleans over Thanksgiving weekend, with daughter Peg and husband. Went to Greensboro for Christmas with a gathering of part of the clan. Our minister son Tiff came down from WI to check out where we live. He was reading a book about the Apostle Paul and said he's planned a series of sermons on Peter, Paul, and Mary. We headed for warmer climes on January 1, cruised to S.A. and hit a lot of islands. Can't go to Montserrat anymore. Christmas always brings a bonanza of information. Why don't you send me a Mother's Day card or Fourth of July card so I won't have to wait a year to hear from you. Stay well and happy!

1943

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

"After 15 years as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Providence," writes **Bill Small**, "I have retired. Bernadette and I still spend January to April in Cocoa Beach, FL. We're proud of our three sons, two daughters-in-law, and our beautiful granddaughter, Amy. ■ **Roderick Hemphill** says he is "gruntled with life—I keep busy, accomplish nothing, and am pleased with the non-result." When asked if he is retired, "I usually answer yes," although he does not see his present situation as "a longed-for desire that I have been laboring for all my life." When asked what he does with himself during retirement, he offers a phrase in Greek and translates it as "moderation is best," inasmuch to say that what he does with himself is study Greek! ■ We regret to report the death of **Ruth M. Kelly** on November 7 and send the sympathy of the class to her family, especially her sister, Grace Kelly Milner '45. ■ Bob and **Ruth Delong Rude** spent part of the summer of 1997 in ME and Cape Cod, and in September went to Cape May, NJ, for Ruth's high school reunion. Ruth reports that the circulation is now fine, but says she has the same problem with the throat (although she sounded appreciably better on the phone). Both will be in Middlebury for our 55th Reunion. ■ **Bill Hawkes**, who says he'll definitely be at the 55th, reports that by that time he will finally be fully retired, abandoning those few members of the class who continue to defy the years and keep on working. Bill mentions that he remains active and in good health, with no more bicycle accidents nor broken bones. We didn't hear whether he competed in last summer's Mt. Washington bike race, as he had planned. ■ **Howie Friedman** sounds as vigorous as ever. He continues to be active in an international organization to promote world peace. He says chances are 55/45 that he'll make it to the 55th. ■ When you read these notes, you may well be in the middle of packing for our 55th Reunion at Gifford Hall on the Middlebury campus May 29 to 31. As we talk with a few of you, we can't wait to see you again and catch up with your travels and service-oriented lives. This may be a "patch-patch" time, as we work to keep everything in place, but it is a time to be grateful for long-term friends and our years at Middlebury. The College is taking very good care of us in a dorm at the center of our activities, with elevators, ramps, and a lounge we can call our own. **Helen Bouck (Bouckie) Hildebrandt** has plotted her route, which includes the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains. Cutler and **Kay Sempepos Silliman**, who were in Mexico in February, will return from Italy in late April in time for the 55th. This will be a great party, so better be sure to make it!

PHOTO CAPTION **David Wood** is first VP of the Nantucket Historical Association and also serves on the editorial committee for that organization's magazine, *Historic Nantucket*, edited by another English major from Middlebury, Cecil Barron Jensen '85. Cecil informs us that the two only discovered their shared Middlebury experience after working together for more than a year! She writes, "It is amazing to us how much his memories match mine. The only thing is that for some reason his year didn't have to do the English comps!"

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

Ruth Child LaFrance has been retired for four years from 30 years of teaching deaf kids in the Toledo, OH, public schools. "Took 18 years off to have and keep the home fires burning for four kids—all now grown up and busy with their own families. I decided to try being a snowbird this winter, but will take two weeks off in March to fly and then cruise to Antarctica." ■ Ted and **Pat Bryant Kelly** welcomed twin boys into their extended family, thus raising their grandchildren total to 14. ■ Chuck and **Ruth Huff Allen** continued their yearly travel schedule. One of their cruises was from Melbourne, Australia, through Bali and Semarang, arriving in Hong Kong before the British relinquished control. The other was a cruise to Waterford (Ireland), Lisbon, Cadiz, Malaga, Cannes, and Rome. Sounds good to us! ■ Albert and **Dorothy Ayers Ingalls** moved to a small, quiet, condo complex in Colchester, VT, in June '96. In January '97, Dorothy retired from her 14-year secretarial position at UVM. Last May, the Ingalls had a great time visiting Lee and **Stod Johnson** for a few days in Toledo, OH. During summer and fall, the Ingalls enjoyed golf during "the best weather we've had in a long time." ■ We regret to report the death of **Dora Hetherston Murphy** on December 11. The condolences of the class go to her son, Dale D. Murphy '81, and to all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald A. Stearns (Shirley Miller), 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd., Beechurst, NY 11357; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Marian Bailey Allen is retiring with this issue and is being replaced by

Two Midd grads in historic Nantucket (see 1943 column)

Shirley Miller Stearns, who will look for your contributions for future issues at the address above. ■ **Baba Boyden Wetherbee** (qaqg84a@prodigy.com) reports that the *Yorktown Clipper* cruise to the hidden islands of the Grenadines, the Windward and Leeward Islands, was enjoyed by 12 Midd alums and 10 spouses. Participants spanned almost 20 years, from Hugh Taft '44 to Jane Corcoran '63. "A great time was had by all: snorkeling, hiking, sightseeing, sunning, eating, and fending off marauding pirates." She hopes more such excursions will be planned. ■ **Dottie Laux O'Brien** reports that Barrett and **Barbara Drury Sand** recently enjoyed a gymnastic performance by granddaughter Kyla at the southern div. meet in RI this January. ■ Don and **Shirley Miller Stearns** were brushing up on their French before departing for the French National Championship tennis matches in Paris this spring. From Paris they were motoring to Provence and on to Nice for several weeks. ■ The Class of '45 was fascinated by the recent article on Prof. Heinrichs in *Middlebury Magazine*. **Ruth Collins Shikes** met Prof. Heinrichs's son Waldo, Jr., while attending a Congregational Church service in La Jolla, CA, a few years ago. Ruth spotted his name in the vestry bulletin and introduced herself. "He was very pleased with the Middlebury connection," she reports. Ruth was visiting La Jolla again in February. ■ **Dottie Laux O'Brien** also informs us that Marianne Grube, daughter of our late classmate **Carolyn Jackson Grube**, wrote from Mystic, CT, that her dad, Ken Grube, died November 20, 1997, about one year after her mother's death. Ken was former president of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. We send our condolences and sympathy to Carol's family, once again. ■ **Al** and **Jo Higgins Wolfley** had a family winter, beginning with Thanksgiving in OH with daughter Sue Baumgartner, son-in-law Peter, grandsons Tim and Derek, and granddaughter Lisa. Their Christmas visit was with their youngest grandchildren—Andrew (5) and Laura (2)—and son Bill and wife Juanita in their new house in McKinney, TX, outside of Dallas. Congratulations to the Wolfleys on their 53rd wedding anniversary this January. Alan is busy with the Midd Bicentennial fund raising and is on the leadership committee. The Wolfleys were heading to Midd the first weekend in February for the Midd/

Pete '44 and Barbara Busing Harris '46 family reunion (see 1946 column)

Bowdoin hockey game. Jo's brother, Jim, went to Bowdoin, so there is a little family rivalry. Jim and wife Nan and Ed '51 and Jean Maintain Higgins '51 and the Wolfleys got together for a mini Higgins reunion in Middlebury. ■ **Mew Wisotzkey McClellan**'s husband Bruce has new appreciation for Winnie the Pooh's insight that "The trouble with accidents is that you can't see them coming." Mew reports that Bruce had an accident with his tractor last June, while trying to pull up a tree stump. "I came home at 5 p.m. to find the driveway clogged with the rescue squad vehicle, the ambulance, a police cruiser, other cars and a truck. We live halfway up the mountain at the end of a dirt road, four miles from town." Bruce was in the hospital for three weeks with a broken arm and leg. After that, writes Mew, "the caretaker role emerged in spades. I thought often of the Home Nursing Course at Middlebury, and how much I enjoyed being the patient so I could get that back rub." She did remember to take care of herself during the ensuing caretaking and, "as it happened, I had just completed three years of training in laying-on-of-hands with Elizabeth Stratton in her Touching Spirit Program in Litchfield, CT. I am one of four practitioners in the Monadnock Healing Arts Center in Jaffrey, NH, as a spiritual healer, and I am a Hospice volunteer, so Bruce could not have been in better hands, if I do say so myself. After 51 years of marriage and having known him since seventh grade, I was well trained in how to care for him." His hip replacement went well and, as of early February, he had largely regained the use of his right hand. Mew also reported that they were without power for about five days after the January 7 ice storm. "**Alice Fredrickson Porter** phoned during that period to clear a date for us to gather at Sardi's in May, and we shared reminiscences of weekends at the Marion L. Young Cabin, when she and I cooked at the old cookstove and someone read *Winnie the Pooh* by lamplight. Bruce and I were back to Scrabble and Dominoes by lamplight, and cooking on the top of a Tempwood stove, monitoring our reserve water supply, and collecting rainwater off the roof in the big soup kettle. I am beginning to understand why so many of my friends are in FL." In February, Mew was optimistic about the light getting stronger and the sun warmer, and she was pleased to see that a scrawny chipmunk had reappeared from winter hiding. She said they were also getting ready for sugaring, putting out 10 buckets on five sugar maples, from which they boiled down 20 quarts of syrup in 1997. "I never went on Mountain Club hikes, but I remember hearing about the delight of eating snow crowned with maple syrup." Mew sends love to all of us, and we certainly send love to her and to Bruce. ■ We regret to report the death of **Harold T. McDonald, Jr.**, on September 9, and of **Malcolm H. Smith** on November 13. We send the sympathy of the class to their families. Memorials appeared in the winter issue.

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.) (maryelizabeth@pinehurst.net), 10 Inverness Rd., 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Cam (**Joan Campbell Shaw**) had an exciting trip to Japan for the Olympics! "Most of our immediate family headed to Japan," when daughter Betsy qualified for the first U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team. "How do you get around in a strange land when you can't speak the language? With great difficulty, that's how! From Narita Airport we took a train to Tokyo, then a train to Nagano (rush hour), then a train to Tarita-Nozawa-Onsen, where we hired a cab to drive us miles into the mountains to our hotel. The driver spoke no English so that was a problem. He deposited us at the end of town and after a few phone calls, two monster snowmobiles appeared which we boarded and zoomed up a snowy trail to Pension Schnee, situated at the foot of a small ski area. Lots of snow; it was beautiful. Transportation was time-consuming. Each morning we hopped on the snowmobiles before daybreak and were whisked to a waiting jumbo taxi which took us to an enormous parking lot where huge buses waited to take spectators to the events. No breakfast, of course, and no place to eat at the venue, so we got clever and hiked back up the road to the closest hotel, where we dined royally and still had time to climb the hill up to the snowboard course. We watched the men's GS and were disappointed that Chris Klug didn't receive a medal. (Chris was accepted at Middlebury, even though I sent a letter of recommendation for him, but has put college education on hold for awhile.) We were thrilled to see another good friend, Ross Rebagliati, of Canada, win the gold. Betsy's race was postponed due to nasty weather so we went to see the wild monkeys who bathe in hot springs instead! Weather next day was also quite miserable, but the race was held. The American team didn't do well. Two racers DNF'd, Betsy crashed into the 29th gate and DO'd; only Sondra Von Ert finished—in 12th place. It was a big letdown, as it was felt that any one of them was capable of winning. Still, it was an unforgettable experience and, though time was short, we saw a great deal of Japanese snow-covered landscape through windows of trains and buses. The people were extremely friendly to us and communicated mostly with smiles and bows. ■ While Cam was racing around in Japan, I (**Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom**) was getting a new computer online and writing my first e-mail class letter. If you can tolerate the frustration of getting on-line, it will open up a whole new world for you, including the Middlebury College homepage. I encourage all of you to send me your e-mail addresses, together with news, old or new. Having completed his F.C.I. assignment at Peace College, husband Ev has been at Louisburg College (north of Raleigh) for three months. He spends four days working on fund-raising and four nights back in Pinehurst, enabling him to schedule eight days a week. ■ I sent one of my first communications to **Barbara Busing Harris** (bbharris@cyberportal.net), but she and Pete '44 must have gone south, as I received no response. Barbara should be credited for the wonderful 50th Reunion picture showing classmates waiting to process into Chapel. Someone took it for us on her camera! Also, Barbara was the Barnard alumna who reported on a classmate's passing, not Mary Elizabeth. (No Nordstroms at Barnard.) The Harrises have made many substantial contributions to Middlebury College, and we all thank them for these and for their continued love for Middlebury College. ■ Ev and I drove up to house-sit for daughter Ellen Nordstrom Baer and her family, while they spent Christmas with Helmut Baer's sister and parents in Heidelberg and in the Black Forest. It was our first white Christmas in 26 years, with a Christmas Eve snowfall on top of an earlier beautiful three inches! Attending the First Congregational Church of Norwich the Sunday before Christmas, Ev and I did a double take when we realized that the man sweeping snow from the steps and sidewalk was Deacon **Avery Post**. Peg (Rowland) '45 was under the weather that day, so we only talked on the phone. We thought you would like to know that the former president of the UCC in the entire U.S. is now happily serving as a deacon. The Posts were in Middlebury over the holidays for the celebration of a grandchild's birthday. ■ The class sends sincere condolences to **Ann "Rod" Adams Beetle** on the death of her husband Bob on April 3, 1998. A memorial service was held in Mountain Lakes, NJ, on April 18. Our sympathy to Rod and to their four daughters. ■ I had a wonderful phone visit with Don '49 and Pat Salmon Henderson '48 of nearby Lake Fairlee on December 26. Their son is the proprietor of Henderson's ski outfitting business, where we stopped on Route 4 in Quechee, VT. ■ I hope to gather some Middlebury news when we go to NH to celebrate our 50th on June 12 at the Homestead on Route 104, between Bristol and New Hampton. Any classmates planning to be in that area in early June, do get in touch and arrange to get together. ■ I get together with Jane Alice Miller Brouwers '49 occasionally at the monthly ladies luncheons at the Pinehurst Members Club. ■ Jean Scroggie '49 recently moved to Chapel Hill and is enjoying organized square dancing, which is popular in the South. Jean is using her maiden name. ■ I enjoyed talking with **Kay Craven** around the holidays and hope she will e-mail me from Cape Cod when she returns from her vacation. ■ **Carole Becker Hutchinson** has a new address: Atria-Woodbriar, 339 Gifford St., Falmouth, MA 02540. ■ The luncheon gathering of Middlebury alums which Mary Elizabeth tried to assemble in VT turned into mostly a New Hampton School alumni and faculty reunion on December 26 at the Norwich Inn. Gathering were T. Holmes (Bud) Moore '42, **Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom**, Dan Smith (who skied for Dartmouth on Chipman Hill at Middlebury Carnival in 1943), and spouses Jinga Moore, Ev Nordstrom, and Emmy Smith. Also attending was Frederick Smith, Jr., son of the founding headmaster of the New Hampton School, whom Bud Moore succeeded many years ago. Ev and Mary Elizabeth met and married while they worked at New Hampton in 1948. ■ Last August, **Doris Smith Earnshaw** enjoyed a monthlong visit in Ontario with Canadian cousins, "renewing my skills canoeing on a beautiful lake." She then "returned to CA, fired up to work on the third book in my 'Women Speak'

series—international focus this time. Enjoyed seeing Midd roommates Betty Steiner Hoenig '46 and Jo Buckeridge Booth '47 in November, along with their husbands, Egon Hoenig and George Booth '47."

PHOTO CAPTION Pete '44 and Barbara Busing Harris '46 enjoyed a recent get-together with some of the Harris clan, including granddaughter Megan Harris '00 (daughter of Louise and Peter Harris '74) and grandson Zakary Pritchard '01 (son of Martha Harris Dolben and the late Stephen Pritchard '72).

1947

Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 40947 N. 107th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85262.*

We now have correct information about the one misidentified person in our class reunion photo. She is number four, **Doris Reynolds Cleveland** and not **Marion Durkee Stillman**. Sorry about that! Marion reports that husband Don '48 is recovering steadily since his big operation, which kept them from reunion last year. They hope to attend his reunion this year. Our good wishes are with you. ■ Christmas holiday messages brought news that **Lynn Bruhn** is now a full Vermonter! She retired in September from the J.M. Foundation, had a trip to AK, and moved to the Arlington, VT, house which she bought with considerable foresight nearly nine years ago. (New address: P.O. Box 343, Arlington, VT 05250.) She invites friends to write her for fax and phone, and to visit when they can. Her plans now include tennis, gardening, skiing, and volunteer work with the Arlington Library. ■ Word came via **Betty Pickles Cox** that **Foote Hamilton Dutcher**, who lives in TX, is going through worrisome times as her husband is very ill. She would enjoy hearing from friends, especially at these tense times. ■ **Alice DeLorenzo Stansbury** anticipates a tour of the Cotswolds and Cornwall in England next fall. Others planning travel are George and **Janet Rogers Enzmann**. Having ridden Amtrak across the country last year and "gained an abiding impression of the size and beauty of our United States," the Enzmanns now plan a canal barge trip in the northeast of England this year. They stopped to visit Graham and **Sally McCullough Sterritt** in Denver after reunion, so were able to share news of the big event immediately. Sally reports special enjoyment of a book group, where they read, discuss, enjoy the fellowship, and have lots of laughter. ■ In December, **Phil** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** had their first look at the new house they are building near their daughter, Heather '75, and her family in Shelburne, VT. The house should be completed during the summer of '98. Phil and Jean then traveled to Prague, where they spent Christmas with son Peter '79 and his family. Peter is an investment banker in Prague. ■ Herb and **Barbara Bates Lauterwasser** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary after reunion with family members at the lake in NH. They expected to have a two-week trip to Australia in March this year. ■ Also celebrating a golden anniversary were Bob and **Bussie Southgate Badger**. They celebrated with their family in Kennebunkport, ME, where they live. ■ "Cap" and **Jo Buckeridge Booth** sent the very sad news of the illness and death of Mary Louise Lee, wife of former dean W. Storrs Lee '28. Some of us had dance classes or gym with Mrs. Lee 50-plus years ago, and Jo was one dancer I recall in our group. **Jean Mace Beswick** was another. From Jean, now in distant Zimbabwe, came a fine letter telling of the move she and husband Tony made before reunion. Had she been able to attend, she says, "I would have been the one who came the farthest, which would have been well worth it!" They are located in the city of Harare (9 Harare Dr., Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe), with a lovely big house and yard and many beautiful trees and shrubs. Tony is a flight operations/project coordinator in the International Civil Aviation Organisation. ■ The Class of 1947 Scholarship has been awarded to a senior Spanish major, who was a College Scholar in both spring and fall semesters last year and studied abroad last fall. When we consider our contributions to Middlebury, it helps to remember the vital assistance we can give to talented young people. ■ Ten members of the Class of 1947 met for lunch at the Three Stallion Inn in Randolph, VT, on Friday, March 6. Those attending were **Betty Galloway Masterson, Peggy Armstrong Igleheart, Jean Davis Battey, Lynn Bruhn, Molly Stevens Chesbrough, Kay Gray Weed, Dorothy Domina Willard, Sue Carr Pauli, Anita Strassel Tiemann**, and **Joyce Walsh Heath**. Last minute cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances came from **Phyllis Burke Cunningham, Alice Neef Perine, Helen Swan Cawood**, and **Steenie Rolls Pepin**. This mini reunion was so successful that the group decided to meet again on July 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the same inn. Please consider this an invitation to all members of the class residing in VT and also to those who may be visiting the New England area during the summer. Make your reservations by contacting **Peggy Armstrong Igleheart** (802/533-2310), **Jean Davis Battey** (802/276-3086), or **Joyce Walsh Heath** (802/247-3962; e-mail jheath@sover.net).

1948

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

In the fall '96 issue, we reported that a message from **Dick Pelletier** described his poor condition with good humor. When **Henry Schneiker** called in November, he learned that Dick died on November 29, 1997. We regret to refer you to his memorial elsewhere in this issue. We have called his former wife, Ann Pelletier (M.A. Spanish '60), to express our condolences. ■ Memorials also appear in this issue for **John Dineen**, who died on February 8, and for **Francis Nash**, who died on March 4. **Joseph (Mike) Mann** '45 remembers Frank, both from their days together at Middlebury and from the time when Mike was a trustee at the Albany Academy, where Frank taught. Mike writes: "My son, who also graduated from the Academy, told me many times Frank was one of the best teachers he ever had. I heard the same comments from many other Academy students. He was an admired faculty member." ■ **Sandy Rosenberg**'s itinerary is too extensive to list. He may be resting after all that travel in 1997: New Year in Hong Kong, followed by a week in Thailand; a 40th Temple reunion in West Covina in February; a meeting in Houston in March, along with a family reunion in Lubbock; April and September trips to Middlebury to help plan our reunion; an August trip to Denver to give a keynote address; and Europe (Germany, Switzerland, and Italy) to visit friends and attend meetings in the fall. Rita and Sandy plan to be with us at reunion. ■ The recipient of the award from our class scholarship fund this year is a sophomore environmental studies major. A letter informs us that this person "has met great friends and feels lucky to be here." We could say the same. See you all in Middlebury for our gala 50th Reunion.

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Pat Mulligan has retired from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. board of directors after 18 years. His retirement gift was a first-class trip to Europe. In October, Pat went hunting in MT and got an elk. In the last three years, he reports trips to Russia, India, Nepal, and Africa, as well as winters in the Bahamas aboard their 35-foot yacht. Wife **Kay Mulligan** loves Alumni College. ■ **Tom Duff** (Barre, VT) was a city manager for 30 years, then entered the real estate business. Both Tom and his wife are retired, and his wife suffers from diabetes and has received home health care. The Duffs have six kids and 13 grandchildren, with the oldest now in medical school. ■ **Doug Armstrong** (Ithaca, NY) has been retired for two years. He spent six months in Bolivia teaching English. Doug and his wife have visited their children, traveled through Central and South America, and taught English in San Francisco. Doug has suffered through a bypass and cancer, but it's now all cleared up. Their oldest daughter is a Presbyterian minister. ■ **Alan Erickson** (Needham, MA) was a science specialist at Harvard, now retired. He and wife June (Anderson) '50 have four children: Kim (a landscape designer), John (in internal medicine), Martha (living in Redwood City, CA), and Bill (in environmental work). ■ **Peter Cass** (Cedar Gove, NJ) and Rosemary haven't traveled to Midd recently. Pete says he sees Al Craz '50, who retired from teaching English and became a paralegal, which he loves. Pete's son went to New England College, his daughter attended St. Mary's College in IN, and both are good with computers. You may remember Peter as Pete Cassimatis when we were at Midd, but he shortened his last name to Cass, which was easier to use in his law practice. ■ Belatedly, we report a letter received in early 1997 from **Jane Miller Brouwers**. Her friend Jean Sporborg (sister-in-law of **Cleone Jones Sporborg**) spent a month in ME with Jane, while Bill and son Hans were in Indonesia—"Too *hot* for me there." Jane and Jean spent 10 days in Ogunquit, then went to Moosehead and "went white water rafting—what a thrill!" During a five-day stay on Lake Sebago, they saw Nan Weale McGuire '48, who lives nearby. Jane reports that she also stayed with Dave '44 and Irmie Nierhaus Stebbins '48 in Bryn Mawr for a few days until Bill and Hans returned from the Indonesia trip with over 400 pictures. "Loved Bali and saw about 50 temples." Of our 50th Reunion year, Jane writes: "That will be a busy year for us. Bill has his big 80 and we'll probably go to Tahoe for a family reunion as he has two children on the West Coast, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, we will be moving to a new retirement complex, Belle Meade, just being built (late '99)." ■ As of June 30, 1997, the Class of 1949 Scholarship Fund had a book value of $121,318.85 and a market value of $495,069.22. The 1997-98 recipient of our scholarship is a sophomore biology major, who is also active in sports.

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkeb@idt.net.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545—please call first); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fapjr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

We were so sorry to hear of the death of **Val Field McNamee** on October 7. After a long series of radiation treatments for throat cancer, just when she and Mac thought they had it licked, Val died of a heart attack at home. We extend our deepest sympathy to you, Mac, on the loss of your brave and beloved buddy. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Val was the only woman in the class of '50 who belonged to the Flying Club and the Flying Panthers. According to **Al Craz**, it was unusual, but Val fit right in. She was one of 17 classmates who bought shares in a red and yellow Aeronca Champion single engine, two seater airplane and learned to fly. Three or four had been pilots in World War II and they taught the others. They kept the plane at an airfield south of Middlebury, flew to Bristol to get gas, and then all over VT for $3.25 an hour. Some even put skis on the plane! Al is now working as a paralegal after 35 years teaching English and supervising in the public high school, a career he dearly loved. Al's son Peter '75 appeared in full-page Merrill Lynch color ads for Roth accounts last December. ■ Talked to **Joseph McKenzie**, who was also involved in that Midd Flying Club. He has retired from Dean Witter Reynolds, but is staying on in Pleasantville, NY. He's another classmate who is enjoying grandchildren, of which he has seven. ■ Our oceanographer, **George Shumway**, is taking a refresher course in scuba diving in order to enjoy a holiday with his family in Cozumel, off the Yucatan peninsula. He needs the vacation, after all the work he has been doing—writing and publishing books on the art and history of the American long rifle, as well as taking care of his 46-acre property in PA. ■ **Barbara McLaren Boucher** has a private psychotherapy practice in Denver. She is also deeply involved in the Kenya Children's Foundation, which helps the street children of Nairobi. She has been involved in fund-raising since she spent a month in Nairobi, helping to build an orphanage. Bobby's son, Peter, graduated from Midd in '76, and daughter Elizabeth Boucher Bohonnon in '79. We hope to get Bobby to the 50th! ■ Do you remember **Bill Stearns** and his magic? Now retired from teaching high school physics, Bill lives with wife Millie in Canterbury, CT, where he has been entertaining folks with his tricks. Wouldn't it be great if we could get him to give a magic show at our big reunion? Bill has been having some trouble with his back, partly due to old ski injuries. ■ **Bill Pihlcrantz** has retired after 10 years with the dept. of corrections in Orlando. Our hats are off to you, Bill, for helping so many prisoners connect to remedial educational programs.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We regret to report the death of **William H. McClintock** on January 25, and of **Thomas H. Emerson, Jr.** on February 10. We send the condolences of the class to Sally McClintock and Barbara Emerson and to all their family members. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Jonathan O'Herron**, managing director of international investment bank Lazard Frères and Co., has been elected chair of the board of trustees of the American Red Cross in Greater New York. ■ **Joan Thomas Washburn** opened her Manhattan gallery of the same name in 1971 and has had many important shows, including works from David Smith and Louise Nevelson. Joan was recently appointed by the Pollack Krasner Foundation to represent the work of Jackson Pollack, Congratulations, Joan! ■ More honors: On November 4, 1997, in London, Queen Elizabeth awarded an O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire) to **Elizabeth Nelson Esterson** for her work in the field of eco-labeling—evaluating European consumer products and their impact on the environment. We're proud of you, Betty! She is now chair of a hospital trust in London. ■ **Frank Tuxbury** (P.O. Box 2193, W. Peabody, MA 01960) and Maxine spend a lot of time at their second home on a lake in New London, NH. He also plays singles tennis (indoor), plays and walks the golf course, enjoys downhill skiing (especially at Alta, UT), and reports that his favorite golf tourney is the Open at St. Andrews, Scotland. ■ This reporter (**Meg Curry Gregg**) saw **Beth Huey Newman** in Hilton Head in late January. We had lunch and a good visit, but missed husband Jim '50, as he was recovering from successful knee surgery. The Newmans have a little more leisure time, now that they have retired from the Habitat for Humanity board, after several very active years. ■ Speaking of knees, **Marshall Figgatt** had *both* knees replaced in January 1997 and is back on the tennis court. He recommends the procedure enthusiastically. More happy news from Marshall: On February 14 in Darien, CT, he married Yvonne "Evie" Finch, "the widow of my lifelong friend, Gardner Finch (since the third grade). He was usher at our wedding in 1951 and I was in their wedding in 1955. I'll be moving down to Palm City, FL." Best wishes to you both, and hope we meet you, Evie, at our 50th.

PHOTO CAPTION The February 14 marriage of **Marshall Figgatt** and Yvonne "Evie" Finch took place in Darien, CT. Pictured with the newlyweds are Marshall's three sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren.

1952

Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, 4 Chestnut Hill Rd., Montpelier, VT 05602.*

Living in Newburyport, MA, **Nancy W. Shahan** is on the administrative staff at the New England Center for Holistic Medicine. Having grown up inland in NY State, she loves living just minutes from the ocean. Her oldest son's place, "Sanity," on Lake Mooseloomeguntic, brings her to ME frequently, and the ME '52-ers hope to see her soon. Divorced since 1985, Nancy has officially taken back her own name. ■ Bob and **Judy Hudders Lovegren**, who have 11 grandchildren, are living a busy "retired" life in Syria, VA. Bob sells real estate, while Judy is coordinator for the Diocesan United Thank Offering, having completed her vestry term. She also reads with second graders who need additional help, and is an active Friend of the Library. The Lovegren family gathered last summer on the Outer Banks for a week-long reunion. ■ Real estate is still keeping **Judy Webster Barton** busy at Barton Properties in Burlingame, CA. Her three children are all in CA, although not in the S.F. Bay area. She travels to see her five-year-old grandson, who lives three hours away, and manages to find time to ski, golf, and play bridge. Judy says '98 looks great! ■ **Nancy Harrison Bove** says that life is so good in Hamden, CT, that she and husband Joe probably won't be moving to Wake Robin in VT for five or six years. They do get to VT fairly often to see sons Bruce and James and their families in Brandon and Jericho, and they spend the month of August every year on Lake Champlain near Basin Harbor. ■ **Marty Peck Burgess** has a new grandson, Joshua James Cosbey, daughter Cindy's first child. Marty, who was present during the labor and birth, notes that "it's amazing to see one's daughter give birth and continue the generations." Marty was keynote speaker for a Quaker Religious Education Institute on "Adolescence: Awakening to Sex and Spirit." She continues to work in conflict resolution and coordinates a junior high program for Bethesda Friends Meetings. Marty and Al, her partner of 17 years, continue to travel, this year to the Seychelles and Tanzania. ■ **Betty Parker Burrows**, who continues her work as a research chemist, presented a paper at an international conference last September and then enjoyed an 11-day vacation in Finland with her husband. She and Dick continue to fly the same single engine airplane they purchased 31 years ago—a Piper Comanche 250—which has also taken them scuba-diving in tropical waters for the past 18 years. ■ Classmates who would like a copy of *Atlantis: Insights from a Lost Civilization*, by **Shirley Hermann Andrews**, may order it from the publisher for $12.95 by calling 1-800-THE-MOON or writing Llewellyn, P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, MN 55164. ■ **Jane Rupp Cooke** and husband Jim are still active in USSA Master's Ski Racing. Plans for March included Mammoth Mountain in CA for the Nationals. ■ Those who live in upper NY State, Canada, northern VT, NH, and ME surely have '98 ice storm stories to share. We (**Carol Whitham Brewster** and husband Pat), like many of you, lost power for a week. We kept warm with wood stoves on which we cooked and melted ice for water, read by candlelight, and rescued friends who didn't have wood stoves or generators. It was a memorable, pioneering experience, and a clue to life in earlier times. A friend kept our stoves burning while we went off to meet our fifth grandchild, Peter Tobias, born January 3 in

Concord, NH, third son for Becca and our son, Toby, who are at St. Paul's School. ■ **Chuck Ratté** and wife Judy spent a couple of enjoyable days with Mary and **Doug Webb**, "who treated us to an exciting Celtics basketball game at the Fleet Center, where we saw former KY coach Rick Pitino and three former KY players we had enjoyed watching when I was a geology prof. at the Univ. of KY. Seemed like old home week." ■ **Carol Annable Bastian** writes from old Saybrook, CT, that she's still working four days a week, managing a national insurance program for yacht clubs. Two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren live nearby. Carol and her husband enjoy their motor home as well. They've seen quite a bit of the country and want to see more.

PHOTO CAPTION **Carol Whitham Brewster** (right) spent a January week in the French Alps, skiing with **Jane Rupp Cooke**, Penny Pitou '60, and Pam Reed Merrill '72, who were all on Midd ski teams. Penny skied in the '56 and '60 Olympics, winning a silver medal in '60. Carol reports that she learned to ski following Jane and other Midd ski team members down the slope. "After 50 years of skiing, I was able to keep up with these three at Courchevel."

1953

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

We are sad to report the passing of **John Clark** in October 1997. A memorial appeared in the winter issue of Middlebury Magazine. John led an active life as a mountaineer and model boat builder, despite suffering in later years from Lou Gehrig's disease. For the class of '53, we wish to extend sympathy to his wife, children, and grandchildren. ■ Your correspondents are happy to report the addition to our family of Mary Versa Clemens-Sewall, born to daughter Paula and husband Jonathan Sewall on December 30, 1997. Although not all will be out on the slopes, we anticipated 14 of us at Jackson Hole in March! ■ **Laura Chapman Rico** recently wrote of her big news, a January trip to Israel focusing on how geography has influenced the history of the region. Laura says the topic and the leader, one of her master's degree professors, led her to pick this trip above all others. ■ This is our last column before our 45th Reunion in May. The 40th was an excellent affair, and we are looking forward to seeing many more of you this time!

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) (jvgn83a@prodigy.com), Masons Island, 4 Osprey Ln., Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Bob Swezey retired as of April 1992, after 30 years with Dupont and seven years with his own sales company, RJS Sales Assoc. in NYC. His five grandchildren are located in Tampa, FL, and Horsham, PA. Bob reports annual trips to VT to fish and hunt. Bob and wife Eleanor live in NYC and Yardley, PA. ■ **Cynthia Feindel Ploski** had a wonderful trip to Europe in July '97. Traveling with a group of artists, she visited sacred sites in England. "Got to sit in and fly over those enigmatic 'crop circles,' or more appropriately named 'agriglyphs.' Whatever they are, they are amazing, and not hoaxes." ■ **Chuck** and **Maureen Kane Steinecke** enjoyed another wonderful summer at Winter Harbor, ME, with beautiful weather and lovely visits with family and friends. Chuck took a Coast Guard sailing course and sewed the completion certificate in a life vest to help it keep them afloat! They continued fund-raising for the Dixon Clinic—everything from doing kitchen work for the bean supper to publicizing and coordinating ticket sales for the benefit fashion show. It is such a worthy cause and they get to meet wonderful people. Chuck and Maureen count as a great blessing the fact that their children are all nearby, making their get-togethers frequent, joyous, and convenient. 1998 will take them far afield. They are following the Silk Road on an Elderhostel to China in April. In June they go to Ireland with Maureen's sister, brother, and sister-in-law to spend a week in Dublin and a week in the village their grandparents came from. It will fulfill a lifelong dream. ■ Congratulations to **Eleanor Chapin Cousins** on the February birth of her first grandchild, Timothy Jason, the son of Eleanor's daughter Beth. ■ **Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay** report the birth of their ninth grandchild, as well as the marriage of youngest son Rick. The Fays spend summers in Ship Bottom, NJ, and the winters in Hilton Head, with an annual trip to Maui in January to visit son Peter. It seems to agree with them! ■ **Lannie Osborn Gartner** sent a wonderful photo of 16 family members who gathered to help Lannie and Rod celebrate their 40th anniversary. Lannie and Rod took a short Intercoastal Waterway trip and went on a tour of Greece and Turkey in November. ■ A note from **Carol Anderson Gwatkin** informs us that she and Bill had a grand time visiting her brother, Andy '50, in FL last October. Daughter Claire '88 has recently returned from working in Singapore for Beerson-Marsteller. ■ **Mary Moreau Cowan** spent June and July at the family place on Vinalhaven, ME. She and Paul visited with **Bill** and **Pat Gibbs Carpenter** in FL last winter and Peter and **Maggie Moreau Willett** stopped by to see them on their way to visit their son in New Zealand. Mary is still keeping her hand in the real estate appraisal business. ■ **Barbara Brown Underwood** has purchased an old fisherman's house in Newport, RI. It will need a lot of TLC, but it has a parking space. We'll check it out next time we cruise into the harbor! ■ **Jim** and Cynthia Holt '56 **Hunt** are opening up a bed & breakfast in Greensboro, VT, on May 31, 1998. Their five children (three of whom are also Middlebury alumni—Julia '81, John '79, and Jennifer Hunt Nicasio '78) join them in this project. The Lakeview Inn, built in the Italianate/Colonial Revival style in 1872, has 10 bedrooms and also features a bakery/deli where you can enjoy homemade delicacies overlooking a bird sanctuary. Make your reservations by calling 802/472-6138. ■ Why don't you all send us those extra Christmas letters? We'll edit them and pass the news along to your classmates!

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz (jvhartz@pop.mindspring.com), 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., RR 2, Box 535 Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Anne "Junie" Stringer DeCoster is having a one-woman show of her paintings June 10 to 26 at Galerie Claire M. Laurin, Traverse Notre Dame—Parking Pasteur; Aix en Provence. The opening reception will be on June 11, should any of you be in the vicinity (telephone 42 23 36 34). Also, Junie has received a commission for a painting from a Minneapolis insurance company. ■ Antje and **Robert "Floogle" Fleming** are enjoying San Francisco in their semi-retirement, after raising four children. Floogle is a volunteer at the visitor center of the Presidio National Recreation Area. Last year they traveled to Prague and East Germany. Youngest son Jens is at Sarah Lawrence and we (the von Hartzes) see him when he comes to our East Village area. ■ Peter and **Scotty MacGregor Gillette** "survived" an Outward Bound trek in New Zealand last year. It was the most strenuous thing she had ever done and she loved it. She is still on several nonprofit boards and committees and plays on a singles tennis team. They love having all three daughters in Minneapolis. ■ Richard '53 and **Nancy Heiland Worthington** celebrated Christmas in San Francisco with their 4-1/2-year-old grandtwins. ■ **Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** were hosts

Midd skiers at Courchevel in the French Alps (see 1952 column)

over Christmas to their five sons, four daughters-in-law, and six grandkids. As the director of studies at South Kent School, Gretchen loves teaching. Jerry is putting the finishing touches on a new novel about a taxidermist detective. ■ Monika and **Jon Brand** are bicoastally retired in Portland, OR, and Rockport, ME. Last year Jon spent a long weekend in St. Louis at a reunion of his Army buddies from Fort Benning, GA, and Bamberg, Germany. He wrote a 48-page recap of the event and sent it to all of them. He could write a book about how to capture a reunion in print. ■ **John** and I (**Katherine Hughes von Hartz**) spent six weeks in L.A. before and after the arrival of our first grandchild, Nicholas John, on January 11. We are retired, but last year we were very involved in renovating two of our nine apartments. Last fall we spent an eye-opening five weeks in northern India and central Nepal, including an ultra-scenic week of trekking. Please send me your news. ■ **Frank Punderson** reports that he and Linda "moved to our final abode just west of the campus on Cider Mill Road in Cornwall. Daughter Ingrid Punderson Smith '88, next door, works in real estate; son Eben finishing law school this spring and moving to Middlebury; daughter Martha '85 only holdout in CO. Son Sam, also in Middlebury, is taking over my agency, leaving me my niche—marketing country homes and estates—which I hope I can continue doing forever. A morning swim in that new College pool is a nice way to start a day. Please, stop by when you are in town.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (jmackho@aol.com), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

We have received a most appreciative and informative letter from the recipient of our class scholarship, a psychology major who is also involved in a number of extra-curricular activities and intramural sports. ■ Observant readers of the College mail would have

caught cover girl **Mona Meyers Wheatley** modeling a Middlebury sweatshirt on the '97-'98 College Store Gift Catalogue. What's next? *Cosmopolitan*? ■ **Bob Lawrence** says he can "head-hunt" forever as the Internet and short-term careers make his business bountiful. Bob solicited one candidate and found he was a Middlebury '83. "If you're '56, you must know my father," said Bruce Chase. Small world. ■ **L.C. Spaulding Taylor** earned his master's in art from NYU last summer and is off to Venice this June for three months of painting. Spaul has already arranged an apartment with a studio, but wisely refuses to divulge his summer address in Italy. ■ Many of us have a few pets, but **Florence "Floppy" Hildreth White** has 22! They arrive for breakfast each morning at her Sonoma, CA, home. Her pets are wild turkeys. ■ **Vicky Grove Memminger** and husband Paul entertained the Chase family around the fire at Christmas time in New Hope, PA. They gave thanks for their worldly goods, as little Chase elves ransacked the house. Thank you, Vicky. We enjoyed it. ■ **Jane Hallenbeck Zecher** and husband Peter have moved back to Hohokus, NJ, where they started married life in 1957. They have "downsized" to a smaller house, which gives them the freedom to travel and to spend more time in their Nantucket and FL abodes.

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her 90-year-old dad, who lives nearby. ■ Bill and **Barb Lesser Fisher** are becoming experts in rocket launches and block building with a growing number of grandkids. ■ **Frankie Hall**, with the Association of American Medical Colleges, says the electronic residency application service continues to grow. Her new initiative is career planning for medical students. Watch for her walking in Yorkshire and Scotland if you're in those parts. ■ **Jean Forkel Godwin** expanded her visit to New England, after the 40th Reunion festivities, with a visit to Boston—including a Red Sox game and the Boston Pops. ■ **Priscilla Noble Grundy** is testing the waters of retirement by reducing her teaching schedule to half time. She is looking into volunteer possibilities. Her travels have included a trip to Northern England, exploring early Christian sites, and a visit to Inverness.

1957

Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Phyllis ("Pan") Libman Ruzzi writes: "Love reading all the class notes in the alumni magazine. Notice '57 is getting nearer and nearer the front! It's inspiring to read about all the activities of the 'olders.' It gives me great hope! I notice 'when I retire' creeping into my conversation more and more lately. I went to Middlebury with my sister—Roberta 'Bo' Libman Keppel '63—last spring, when she sang in the tribute to Emory Fanning. Hung out at the 'Stu-U' Friday night and the library on Saturday while she rehearsed. Stayed at Bread Loaf, dined at Mister Ups, 'did' the shops downtown in the rain, and immensely enjoyed the concert. Talked to Hugh Marlow '57, who updated me on all the professors we had. What a wonderful weekend!" ■ **Derek Evans** and his family have been participants in the 150th Mormon celebrations in UT, featuring music and drama. With Peggy (11) and Jared (12) in school and extra activities, Derek and Vandy are busy parents. They all love living in UT. ■ **Zornow Thomas** reports all is well. Like many of us she keeps close tabs on

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Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 243 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Mary Stein Dominick, a third-year ambassador for the Aspen Ski Company, has been chosen from among 200 ambassadors as the one who best represents the body-mind-spirit ideal and for the way she serves guests. (She refers to herself as "kind of the mother superior of young folks and old folks" visiting the mountain and the town.) Mary is a yoga and body-sculpting instructor and has her own business called Aspen Health Week. In addition, she is a board member for Dance Aspen, Aspen Valley Land Trust, Environmental Defense Fund, and Advisory Board of the Given Institute. Not to mention being assistant manager of her 400-acre family ranch, Red Butte Ranch, in Aspen. Mary has three sons—Buck '84, DeWitt '91, and Drew (Hobart-Univ. of CO).

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Dean Beyer loves CA and Marin County where he is the president/CEO of an insurance adjustment business with 15 offices. He has been in the business since 1963. His business is close to that of **Henry Moody**. Dean golfs with **Ed Sommers**. Dean and Gretchen, his wife of 34 years, do a lot of traveling. They have three sons and two grandchildren. ■ Also in CA, **Paul Bonner** works in a human resource business dealing with issues such as safety, quality improvement, sexual harassment, wages/salary, and affirmative action. Wife Barbara works for the Jet Propulsion Lab on the satellite program mapping El Niño. From their previous marriages, they have three children and two grandchildren. Paul had triple by-pass surgery last December. By early January he was walking two miles a day and, although tired in the afternoon, he was beginning to skip naps and was about to begin a heart rehab program. Paul and Barbara are active in their church and have helped at orphanages and built houses in Tiajuana, Mexico. ■ Another classmate in CA is **Robert Machon**, who retired two and a half years ago as a VP of Atlantic Richfield, and regards these years as the best in his life. He is very busy with nonprofits, serving on boards for his church, a cancer support organization, and his country club. He also gives marketing seminars for SCORE and works out three times a week on a bicycle and with free and machine weights. He and wife Sydney, who was the 1957 Queen of Green Mountain College in VT, have three sons, but no grandchildren. ■ **Andrew Montgomery**, who moved from NJ to MN in 1974, believes MN is a terrific place to raise children and to be outdoors. He says he can play golf until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. He also plays softball (35-plus age group), tennis, and hoops (he anticipates scoring in his sixth decade). He's in the finance/accounting side of the auto parts distribution business and also chairs his local park board. Wife Joy works part time, is active in volunteer activities, and church choral singing. Andrew returned to Midd two years ago for a Div. 3 hockey championship. The Montgomerys have vacationed for years north of Toronto. Last winter they vacationed in St. Thomas. ■ **James McGowan** teaches English and creative writing at Illinois Wesleyan Univ. Jim has done research on Frederic Goddard Tuckerman, published a translation of Baudelaire's *Flowers of Evil* for Oxford World Classics, and with a colleague has translated Wolfgang Borchert, a 20th century German poet. He's the acting head of the philosophy dept., but is taking a sabbatical in 1998 to travel/study in Europe, where he and wife **Ann Weston McGowan** have led student tours. Ann is the director of a nonprofit ecology center in Normal, IL, providing environmental education and networking with other ecology agencies. Ann is a walker; Jim does Nautilus three times a week, having given up twice-a-week hoops at 55. They have three children and two grandchildren. ■ **Maren Glasoe Hexter** recently spent three wonderful weeks touring Greece. Two of those weeks were spent visiting ruins in the different areas, and the third week was spent relaxing on the beautiful island of Corfu. ■ **Sally Sprague Carr** did a lot of traveling in '97: a Caribbean cruise; a trip to Lake Placid, Middlebury, and Lake George; and a wonderful trip to Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. She also attended conferences in Chicago and Washington, DC. Sally is still busy with administrative duties at Lakeland College in Mentor, OH. ■ **Marylee "Mimi" Hancock Siegle** had a happy year. Son Jeff was married in June; daughter Lauren, a sophomore at BU, was part of a record-breaking shell at a Boston regatta; and son Matt is a high school senior looking forward to college. ■ Bill '58 and **Noel Caseley Locke** and Tony and **Kay Shook Balabon** had a nice, but too brief, reunion in Philadelphia. Noel and Bill were en route from MA to FL to celebrate Noel's birthday with their four children and their spouses. They will be taking a wonderful trip in May to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg. ■ 'Twas great to hear from **Carol Sippel Monsees**, to hear that all is well, and to receive the picture of her beautiful family. Carol and Tull have three children, two of whom live nearby, and four grandchildren.

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1960

Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

Breck and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** have moved into the new house they built in Essex, CT. Sam and his family, including black lab Playdough, moved to Barcelona, Spain, where Katherine is working for Dartmouth's study abroad program, while Sam continues to write and sing his songs. Peter moved from London to Tokyo, where he joined Reuters. Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel '87 and her family are the only ones in the family that have not moved. They stayed put in Princeton Junction, NJ. Hibbie and Breck continue to run the Executive Search business from their home, which has guest rooms waiting to be filled. ■ While **Louisa Potts Salmon** visited her parents in FL, husband James was on a work trip to the island of Monserrat during an eruption of the volcano. Louisa was honored for 20 years of delivering Meals on Wheels. James "hooded" son J.T. exactly 40 years after his own graduation from Hahnemann Medical School. J.T. is now a resident in general surgery in Harrisburg, PA. The Salmons have traveled to Branson, MO; celebrated their 30th anniversary on a Mississippi River cruise; and participated in church-related conferences at Purdue and Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago. ■ **Bob Millett** has completed his second year at NYLCare, the new subsidiary that New York Life created in 1995 to administer its group life and HMO products. His job and coworkers are the same as when he was a New York Life employee. The only significant difference is the downtown NYC location, which he much prefers. Daughter Amanda and husband Steve Garrison live in Sun Prairie, WI, where Amanda is with the human resources dept. of the huge Univ. of WI Hospital. Daughter Elise and husband Dan Malin moved to New Haven, CT, where Dan is a law student. Son Tom graduated from Dartmouth, where he was president of Zeta Psi. ■ When you rent the movie *Mouse Hunt* to view on your VCR with the grand-kids, keep an eye out for the ambulance attendant. He is none other than Michael Ray Sommers, son of **Ed** and Jane Crittenden '62 **Sommers**. Michael even gets a named credit in the crawl at the end of the movie! ■ **Susan F. Rowland** is thoroughly enjoying her retirement. "I am still teaching French and Spanish on AOL Ask A Teacher. Also, I am very active running a support group for people with fibromyalgia, and teaching and lecturing about fibromyalgia through the Arthritis Foundation." ■ Keep those cards and letters coming!

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127, Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

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Class Secretaries: *Jim Rosin, 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; Judy Bosworth Roesset, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; and Bonnie Boyd Russ, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.*

Bonnie Bonnaviat's future retirement dream would be to divide her time between France and Yorkshire, where she has bought a house and would welcome visits from Midd friends. She teaches (primarily French) for the U.S. Dept. Of Defense. Her job has taken her to far-flung exotic places, including Turkey, Japan, Bahrain, and Iceland. She writes that it has been "a wonderful life, full of travel, unforgettable characters, and amazing opportunities." ■ **Alice Couperus Gross** writes that they "just couldn't make it to reunion, but we did spend the weekend in RI with Al '63 and **Susie Stevens McKibben**, so we were in the Middlebury mode!" In February, they were boarding the *Nieuw Amsterdam* in Valparaiso, Chile, to sail around the tip of South America before heading north to Rio for Carnival. Alice retired in December 1996 after 30 years with MA General Hospital: "I don't miss it at all. Time to back down. My one or two days a week at Winchester Hospital suit me just fine." ■ Sherm '60 and **Bonnie Boyd Russ** were off to relax in Tortola this winter. ■ Meanwhile **Jim Rosin**, as trustee of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, was swamped with organizing and running a conference in Seattle for mid-April. This chore apparently included deciding on appropriate souvenirs—umbrellas! ■ Bill and **Judie Fawcett Beach**, who live in London, spent Thanksgiving in the States with their three kids. After Christmas they were off to India to celebrate the New Year at the Taj Majal. Bill was excited about the sights of India, but fervently hoping to find an Italian restaurant or two on a Delhi street corner! ■ **Liza Dunphy Fischer** reports: "Our favorite adventure (of several in 1997) was a walking trip of Somerset and Devon in England. We walked on our own from inn to inn, using maps and detailed instructions. Our luggage was transferred and all meals were arranged. All we had to do was walk 10 miles a day. A hot bath and a cold English beer were most welcome by evening. Now we are thinking of walking in Italy (just think of the food and wine there!)" Last spring, they climbed Mt. Wrightson in AZ and then planted 1,000 red pine trees on some newly logged land in the Upper Peninsula of MI. ■ **Lucy Beckley Cole** has been busy in her full-time volunteer position as executive director of Criminon, West U.S., a rehab program for criminals based on a secular moral code. ■ **William Dalsimer** lives in Brooklyn with gifted painter Shey Wolver-Phiter and cat Zorro. He says he is "dealing with major hard drive crash. Lesson to all—be sure to back up daily. Planning March trip to Spain and Portugal." William is a grandfather now since the birth of son Philip's son, Cory, in Moretown, VT. William's daughter Sarah is an aspiring actress at Wesleyan Univ., while daughter Amy is a fund administrator at Union. ■ **Carrie Kittel** is still dancing at least once a week and is "determined to dance until I am 90 years old." She recently performed a dance, "Journey," which she had choreographed over a period of 10 years. Carrie is serving a second three-year term on the board of the Mental Health Association of Onondaga County, and is a charter member of the writing and communications work group for F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, a program to make Syracuse a better place to live. She attends traditional concerts at Hamilton College and other cultural events in Syracuse, does some writing, and visits a fitness club at least twice a week. "I am blessed by good health, an extended family of wonderful friends abroad and throughout the U.S., and am grateful for deeply felt joy." ■ Now living in Niantic, CT, **Jan Young Courtenay** is an interior designer. Her three children are grown and on their own. Son Denny is rehabing old buildings in NYC, son John is trying out the movie scene in Hollywood, and daughter Heather Dennis Parsons '88 "kept the time-honored tradition" by marrying another Midd student, Christopher Parsons '87. They are the parents of Jan's first grandchild. Jan has her pilot's license and a bit of wanderlust, so she may be off on an adventure in the future. ■ **Alice Derby Beal** loves her job at the Scituate, MA, town library, where she has worked since daughter Deb left for college. In addition to pursuing longtime interests in her free time, she has gone horseback riding daily for 17 years. Her horse, a Morgan, is from VT, naturally. She promises to attend our next reunion.

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 6008 Benalder Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

Congratulations to **Roger Ralph**, who received the 1997 "Good Scout" award from the Harford County (MD) district of the Boy Scouts of America. The Good Scout award is given annually to an individual chosen for outstanding community service. The Bel Air Athletic Club, of which Roger is president, has endowed the gymnasiums of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Aberdeen and Edgewood, MD, and has been the major corporate supporter of SARC (Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center) in Harford County. Founded in 1980 by Roger and wife Elaine, the Bel Air Athletic Club has been named one of the top five family fitness clubs in the U.S. by the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Assoc. The Ralphs also received the Small Business Administration Region III Entrepreneurial Success Award in 1994. ■ Your secretaries have been at work with reunion plans. Please try to attend. We expect close to 100 attendees, including alumni, spouses, and children. Friday evening we plan an informal gathering and barbecue near our registration site. Saturday, in addition to the many College-planned events, tennis and golf activities are being organized by **Chip Honsberger** and **Bob Clarke**, respectively. Other activities are in the planning stages as we go to press. **Gigi Brown Scriggins** and **Cathy Tilden Howell** are putting together a class newsletter. If you haven't yet given them fodder, send in your card or contact us at our addresses above. Call a classmate (or two or three!), get a group together, and join us for our 35th. See you back at Midd!

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister (bbh@ulysses.homer.att.com), 1347 Stony Brook Ln., Mountainside, NJ 07092; and Robert J. Baskin (bob.baskin@mail.house.gov), 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

Norman and **Susi Camden Kalat** are still on track to "retire" this coming summer. Their new house in Santa Fe, NM, was completed on time and on budget, thanks to Susi's attention to detail. She orchestrated the building effort last year. They enjoyed Christmas in NM, amid piñon, snow, green chili, and luminaria! ■ **Marv** and Carol Haas '65 **Kelley** have been in Cincinnati for about five years. Living in the Midwest is giving them a new perspective on higher education. Marv is director of planned gifts at the Univ. of Cincinnati Foundation. ■ Prior to 1993, **Cecil Forster** was practicing law with Patton, Boggs in DC, where he "shared many moments with **Ron Brown**, amongst others. Since the fall of 1993, I have been VP and general manager of

Class Act

My Real Wife

By Richard Hawley '64

I can't tell you how surprised I was to read the Winter 1998 issue and find that I was married to a different woman, or at least a different woman rode cross-country with me on the bike trip last summer. I am sure my wife, Anne "Papineau" a '67 graduate of Plattsburgh SUNY was equally as surprised as was Anne "Watson," a '69 graduate of Middlebury, whom I do not ever recall meeting.

I know we changed some when we were on the bike trip but the inadvertent change made by the magazine after we got back seems a bit much. I hope it will not cause anyone any embarrassment. Will I now have to change my will? ■

SportsRadio 610 WIP." He was hired away from Patton Boggs by Infinity Broadcasting, the license holder of WIP, which was recently merged into CBS. So Cecil has been in Philadelphia and back in broadcasting for over four years. His son, Cecil R. Forster 3d ("Atom"), is nearby as a freshman at the Peddie School in NJ. ■ **Gregory Hunt**, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the Catholic Univ. of America in DC, is the new president of the VA Society of the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.). He practiced architecture for 10 years in NY and ME, but has spent much of his career in academics, teaching others about architecture. He taught at VA Polytechnic Institute's College of Architecture and Urban Studies from 1978 until 1994, when he was named prof. of architecture for VA Tech's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Consortium. As president of the VA Society of A.I.A., he expects to focus attention on the idea of architects getting more involved in policy discussions, as well as affordable housing, planning, and school construction. Gregory and wife Catherine have a son, Graham, who is studying for a Ph.D. in musicology at Duke. ■ **Susan Hanson** was appointed Richmond Visiting Professor of Environmental and Women's Studies for the spring semester at William College. With her Ph.D. in geography from Northwestern (1973), Susan is a geography prof. at Clark Univ. She is well known for her work on the geographic foundations of local labor markets and gender-based occupational segregation. A former Guggenheim Fellow, Susan has received numerous honors, including the Honors Award from the Assoc. of American Geographers in 1993.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Steven Roser has been named the first George Guttmann Prof. of Clinical Craniofacial Surgery by the Columbia Univ. trustees. As head of the Craniofacial Center, Steven makes annual trips to South America to perform surgical procedures on children for Heal the Children. Craniofacial surgery reconstructs post-traumatic injuries, as well as congenital anomalies, such as cleft lip, cleft palate, tumors, and other complex facial deformities. Steven, who lives in Tenafly, NJ, with wife Susan, is prof. and director of the Div. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Columbia and director of the Dental Service at Presbyterian Hospital. ■ **"T" Tall** was headed to South Korea in April, leading a Rotary four-week group study exchange. The team of professionals will spend a month visiting their professional counterparts and participating in Rotary, cultural, and social events in their host country, after which they will return home and speak to organizations about their experiences. "T" and wife Cynthia own and operate an apple orchard in Cornwall. He is also president of Ulvik Enterprises, a fundraising company for charitable organizations. As an Army captain, he lived in South Korea in 1967-68. ■ The Native Sons and Daughters of KS honored **Elizabeth Farnsworth** with one of their 1997 Distinguished Kansans Award. At a ceremony in January, KS Gov. Bill graves read a message from Elizabeth's mentor, PBS Anchor Jim Lehrer—who was reared in Wichita: "Elizabeth Farnsworth is special. She's a terrific reporter, a marvelous interviewer, a professional journalist with few peers. She's a person of quality and substance, of meaning and purpose, but she also knows how to laugh and to bring joy—the perfect sunflower, in other words."

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

In Petaluma, CA, **Leslie Anderson Curchack** is very happy with her work as a therapist, working primarily with children and teens in private practice and in schools. Children Adam (21) and Alia (16) are doing very well as juniors—one in college and the other in high school. "They are wonderful people! Their father and I have had a successful divorce. I'd love to hear from Middlebury friends." ■ The Sunday *New York Times* for November 16, 1997, brought welcome news and photographs of **John Brodhead**'s ski touring paradise, the Craftsbury (VT) Outdoor Center, one of the oldest ski touring centers in the Northeast. The author describes John, its director, as "one of the most delightfully fanatical cross-country skiers in the country." The article extols the beauty of the area and details the many activities and accommodations available for the enjoyment of ski touring, orienteering, skating, and sledding, in a cozy "chicken-and-biscuits atmosphere." More than 70 area landowners allow trails to cut across their property, enabling the Craftsbury ski touring network to extend more than 60 miles. You can contact John at 800-729-7751 and plan a ski touring vacation for next winter. ■ The *next* Sunday Times brought news of *another* '66er, Montreal sports psychologist **Wayne Halliwell**. When Wayne "practices his soft-core mental medicine on the NHL's 16 refs and 32 linesmen at their annual training camp," he draws them a table: "The top is their confidence. I tell them they've got four legs to maintain—mental, physical, technical, and tactical, and they need an improvement plan for each one." Advice we can all appreciate. ■ We regret to report the death of **Virginia Neely Jackson** on November 25, 1997. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1967

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spattchs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

Several classmates received very sad news from **Missy Brine Rogers** over the holidays. Her husband **John** died of pancreatic cancer at the end of November. He was only diagnosed in April and had to miss our reunion at the end of May because of his chemotherapy treatments. Missy had worked hard on reunion and they had both looked forward to coming. Missy asked me to share their news in our class notes. "Being a physician, John knew what a deadly disease he was facing. He did very well all summer while he was on chemo, and we were able to have some gatherings of friends and family both here in Richmond and at our house in the Blue Ridge Mountains. On September 23, he called me from Charlottesville to say he needed to come home. Noah and I drove up to get him. It was a tough day. He went into the hospital at the Medical College of VA here in Richmond for a week in November and then was home with hospice care for two weeks. Hospice was really wonderful. The rest of the time we took care of him." Both their sons, Noah and Josh, were with their dad for his final weeks and helped Missy with the memorial service, along with John's sister and her husband and Missy's brother and his wife. Missy writes: "John was the cornerstone of our family, and it's so hard to be without him. We're comforted knowing that we did all we could to help him through a difficult and frightening passage." Many of us remember Missy and John as "our class couple," getting married while we were students at Middlebury. As one of the Proctor dining hall crew, John was friends with all of us "girls" who ate there for four years. He was president of our class and an honors graduate of Midd. He went on to MIT, then earned his medical degree from UVM. His internship with the Indian Health Service took him and Missy to Pine Ridge, SD, until 1978 when John went to Richmond to specialize in pediatrics. His family suggests memorial contributions to his church, the Wildlife Center of VA, or Hospice. Classmates might also want to consider a donation to our class scholarship fund in John's name. Write

to Missy at 4908 Riverside Dr., Richmond, VA 23225. ■ An article—"Frosting King Makes Sweet Music"—in the Atlanta *Journal-Constitution* highlights **Joe Weber**. The article says that Joe has stepped down from running his very successful commercial baking supply company and became the hands-on owner of radio station WGKA-AM (1190) in January. He DJs a 4 p.m.–to–sunset show, "The Long Drive Home," and plays an anything-goes format: Chuck Berry's "Lucille," Schubert's "Lied und Liebe," and an aria from his favorite opera, "Rigoletto." The story further informs us that Joe lives luxuriantly, but unpretentiously, "on prime Buckhead acreage." He also has a ME vacation cottage and cruising yacht, built on a lobster boat hull. His hobbies include birding, sailing, singing opera, reading, going to movies, watching TV (favorite show: *The Simpsons*), and participating in Jewish philanthropy. Good on ya, Joe. And how about a class get-together at your place? ■ Anyone remember **Curtis Hanson** who left Midd after our first semester? You may recognize the name from this year's movie awards. Yep, Curtis has done just fine without a Midd degree, directing *L.A. Confidential* (after *Bedroom Window, The Hand that Rocks the Cradle*, and *River Wild*.) **Richard Ross** remembers Curtis and passed on the tidbit. Richard is the planning manager for the City of Gresham, OR. He writes "My job is to lead a small special forces unit to build a good community and a good place, against the well-armed forces of sprawl and social polarization." Barbara, Richard's wife, is a wildlife illustrator. Richard would love to hear from any Midd grads who get "West of the Cascades" at 503-235-8194 (home) or 503-618-2378 (work). ■ Check out **David Robinson**'s new career path, running the global headquarters of the Windward Isles Sailing Ship Company, which owns the *Barque Picton Castle*. (His brother-in-law is the ship's captain.) The web site is http://www.pagecreator.com/~pictoncastle.picton. Now this is a definite class trip—just as soon as we retire.

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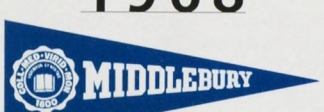

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson (dr44@aol.com), 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

It is with great sadness and a true sense of loss that we hear of the death of **Mimi Seemann Morton**, after a struggle with cancer. We send our love to John and Julie and celebrate Mimi's life with them. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Keith "Nikki" McCausland** writes: "I have retired to Key West, FL, where Bill Bradford and I have a lovely conch home, vintage 1910." ■ **Richard J. Callahan** has been named president of Greenwich Insurance Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of NAC Reinsurance Corp. He lives in Tolland, CT, with wife Lorinda and their children, Maeve and Brendan. ■ **David Ruberg**—chairman, CEO, and president of Intermedia Communications Inc., in Tampa, FL—enjoys fishing in Costa Rica, plays the piano, does woodworking, grows roses, and spends time with his kids. He also admits to a predilection for "a 1984 converted van painted with Star Trek pictures." ■ Our class has produced a generation of wanderlust children. Alan Lippert '99, son of Dick '66 and **Barbara Shean Lippert**, is spending his junior year at the Middlebury School at the University of Mainz. The Lippert family, including David '93, spent the Christmas holidays in Germany visiting Alan and skiing. ■ Chris Stoebenau '99, son of Henry (M.S. '68) and **Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau**, spent the first semester of his junior year in Australia. The whole family, including Kirsten—who had just returned from two years in Madagascar with the Peace Corps—traveled to Australia for the holidays and to see Chris. ■ Beth Richardson '00, daughter of David '66 and **Nancy Brooks Richardson**, recently spent six weeks studying at the Univ. of Trier, while staying with a German family. Then last fall, she was in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru with Outward Bound for three months. After a couple of months at home for Christmas, Beth traveled to Prague for eastern European studies and 20 hours a week of community service with Partnership in Service Learning. Nancy writes: "We celebrated our 30th anniversary by going on a walking trip in Austria. We walked from inn to inn, approximately 15 miles a day, along the Czech border. What a beautiful country! And what a close-up way to explore. A little hard on the feet, though—75 miles proved to be a bit longer 'walk' than we had imagined." ■ Bill and **Shari Galligan Johnson** are pleased that daughter Hilary has been accepted early decision at Middlebury, class of 2002. ■ **Becky Fitts Rylander** reports that daughter Kate is now settled in L.A. and son T.J. is Houston-bound following his May '98 graduation from UVA. So much for her not-so-subtle messages to them about the joys of life in New England! ■ **John "Jake" Geer** (new address: P.O. Box 58, Bridport, VT 05734) reports he has gone from "Barbecue to Fine Art." He is finding success in the art world, particularly enjoying creating landscapes in oil. ■ **Jean Dithmar Myer** continues as product liaison to IBM for the 3Com Corp., spending much of her time on the road. She looks forward to retirement when she can spend more of her time on the transoceanic sails that she does every year with her sailing pals. ■ **Linda Burley Glaser** works at Cambridge Associates in Boston, in the compliance department. She makes frequent weekend trips back to her home in ME, where she works at improving her golf game. ■ **Marcia Lipsett Stein** is still adjusting to the empty nest syndrome, with her youngest daughter off to Columbia Univ. This gives her a chance to travel with her husband, whose job takes him to many exotic places, like Indonesia and Hong Kong, to name a couple. Their summers are spent at their home on the Vineyard. ■ **Nordis Glasoe** is information technology VP at State Street Global Advisors, where she services companies' 401k plans, providing account information on voice response and the Internet. She enjoys many get-togethers with **Jean Myer** and **Linda Glaser** each year, including annual outings to ME and FL. ■ **Ben Gregg** reports that he has changed jobs again, and is now happily employed at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Pesticides Programs (not sorry to be out of the consulting sector). He and wife Susan still live in Vienna, VA, where she is president of a Certified Public Accounting firm. At the time of our last reunion in '93, their daughter Sarah was planning to enter Midd. She did matriculate and graduated (*Magna Cum Laude!*), and actually received two academic prizes at the awards ceremony. ■ The Class of '68 had a magnificent turnout last fall for the Alumni Leadership Conference. Classmates who gathered at Bread Loaf included **Roy Beebe, Barbara Barrett Bloom, Lawrence Bruce, Sheila Deming Brush, Susan Hastings Chandler, Linda Burley Glaser, Nordis Glasoe, Bentley Gregg, Sharon Galligan Johnson, Barbara Shean Lippert, Carol Anderson Matthews, Mari Ward McCarty, Jean Dithmar Myer, Michael Rabinowitz, Nancy Brooks Richardson, Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau**, and **Tom Winstead**. ■ And now we have our 30th, May 29-31. How could 30 years have gone so fast? Our 25th was great—except for the weather. Come back to VT in May and bring some sunshine!

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne (whearne@kodak.com), 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Lee Person has been named chairman of the English dept. at the Univ. of AL at Birmingham. Lee and wife Pam live in Homewood, AL. ■ **Richmond Edes**, an attorney with the Concord, MA, law firm of Edes & Edes, has been elected president of the board of the Doctor Franklin Perkins School. The school operates a day and residential school/treatment program for the emotionally disturbed, psychiatrically-impaired, and cognitively limited children, as well as operating group homes and staffed apartments for adults with mental retardation, a day program for elderly people with Alzheimer's, and many other services. Operating in more than 20 buildings, Perkins employs more than 260 people and has an annual budget in excess of $9 million. Rich has served on the board for the last eight years. He lives in Concord with wife Rosalie and children Richmond, William, and Andrew. ■ Nagano was reporter **Greg Lewis**'s fourth Olympics assignment. He also covered the Seoul and Barcelona Games for NBC and the Albertville Games for CBS. During his 20-year career, he has covered gymnastics, diving, tennis, and track and field.

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

Richard Browning is now VP, finance, at Greenwich-based Blyth Industries, which designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes candles and home fragrance products. He was most recently with the U.S. operations of Groupe Danone, a $17 billion French consumer products company, where he held several positions, including VP of finance and chief financial officer of the Dannon Co., and president and CEO of Lea & Perrins.

1971

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.*

That was **Natasha Kempers-Cullen**'s quilt, "Spirit of the Moon," on the *Middlebury Magazine* winter cover. This quilt was featured in *The Art Quilt*, a book by American-crafts expert Robert Shaw '73. She calls it an example of textile collage or mixed media. Natasha is a fabric artist who paints, makes prints on fabric, and builds these pieces into art quilts. Natasha was one of 54 fabric artists chosen for "Dealing with a Full Deck," an exhibit of quilt designs based on a deck of cards (Natasha's design was the seven of spades). This popular project, sponsored by the Smithsonian,

developed into greeting cards and a book, and is still touring the nation on a renewed two-year contract. Next, she was one of 50 artists chosen to illustrate "The Kiss," in a show sponsored by Eastern WA Univ. Her most recent project, also sponsored by the Smithsonian, is called "Women of Taste," which pairs an artist and a chef in a collaborative effort. Natasha decided "Why not work with a legend?" and tracked down Alice of "Alice's Restaurant," made famous by the Arlo Guthrie song. Now in her 50s, Alice is a children's book illustrator in Provincetown, MA. Natasha's quilt (still in progress) includes images made by both artists, who enjoyed working together. During the January ice storm, Natasha and husband John lost power "the first time" in their Topsham, ME, home for six and a half days, and three days the second time. She felt fortunate that they heat with wood and did not have to abandon their home. "I got good at chipping ice and putting it on the stove to melt," she reports. (As you may or may not realize, no electricity translates into no running water.) ■ **Drew Knowland** and wife Marijane Tuohy '77) report the big news for 1997 was the arrival of Dorothy Anna Tuohy Knowland on November 19—which is also Drew's birthday! Dorothy Anna joins brother Andrew III, born 1995. ■ **Jonathan Glassman** writes from Culver City, CA, that life is full with Jake (6) and Evan (nearly 2). Jay continues his career as manager with L.A. County, where added job responsibilities include information technology and strategic planning. He has also been assistant coach for Jake's basketball and soccer teams, and has also added "Mr. Mom" to his résumé, adding more child care duties in support of wife Laili's return to school to become a computer systems engineer. ■ **Leslie Boyle Shipps** reports a change of address, but she's still in Cazenovia, NY. ■ **Gay Mann Folland** is still ski racing in the USSA Masters circuit. Before the snow fell, she had a change of scene with a 12-day hike/bike/kayak trip over Thanksgiving to Baja, CA, where she saw sea lions and found that biking on sand is not as much fun as skiing down hill. Viewing the topography during her air trip over Mexico reminded her of her geography major at Midd. In October she enjoyed a mini-reunion brunch in Portland with **Sue Lebel Young, Lynne Turner Cluff**, and **Natasha Kempers-Cullen**. ■ **Deb Eaton** reports from Cumberland, ME, that she lucked out during the January ice storms that paralyzed so much of Canada and New England, losing power for only three days! An author and free-lancer with many projects underway, Deb has two new illustrated children's books (for which she has written the text) in the works.

1972

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham (bjsmith@netcom.ca), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

The Clarke Galleries in Stowe, VT, opened a show of new pastels and oil paintings by **Cynthia Erb Price** on November 29. Cynthia began her art career at Middlebury in 1984, when Prof. David Bumbeck invited her to audit his printmaking class. Grier Clarke, owner of Clarke Gallery, describes Cynthia's work: "Price's compositions are colorfully brilliant, as well as spiritual. They are, at first glance, color-saturated juxtapositions of geometric houses, trees, hills, and roads—complex surface designs of multiple angles of view that create a rhythm between the whole and the components—and then gradually reveal abstract complexity." ■ **Gavin Cullen** called **Jennifer Hamlin Church** from TX to report the July 25, 1997, birth of Matthew August Cullen, whom adoring dad proudly described as "a giant bald-headed boy!" Matthew was five months old on Christmas Day. ■ **Daniel Suman** ran the Disney Marathon in Orlando, FL, January 11 in three hours, 49 minutes. He reports, "I was very happy to finish and still be able to walk!" A few days later, Dan hosted Hawaiian **Bill Lucas**, Californian **Steve Cella**, and Connecticut Yankee **Rod Oneglia** for a weekend reunion at Dan's Miami home. Dan is an associate professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the Univ. of Miami. ■ **Lee Buchheit** is a resident partner at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton's New York office. He has previously been in the firm's Hong Kong, London, and DC offices. Lee is also an adjunct professor at Columbia's School for International and Public Affairs. ■ Please note that **Judy Wingham**'s e-mail address has changed. She's looking forward to hearing from you at bjsmith@netcom.ca. ■ We close with some sad news. **Linda Kite Canty** of New York City died January 20, after a valiant 10-year battle with cancer. Linda's energetic commitment to life and living empowered her to outlive all her doctors' predictions, as she bravely reported a year ago in our 25th Reunion yearbook. She hiked, danced, volunteered, and pursued a successful banking career, all while dealing with her disease. Our sympathy goes out to all of Linda's friends and family, especially her husband David. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1973

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676, and H. Kit Fuller (kitfuller@usgs.gov or eatnrun@ecentral.com), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Robert '72 and **Kathy Wonson Eddy** presented an evening of music, words, dance, and photographs from their newest book, *Writing with Light: meditations for caregivers in word and image*, last November in Randolph, VT, and at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. The concert featured premieres of Kathy's compositions from her new series, *Table Graces, Take Our Minds and Inspire Them*, and *St. Brigid's Blessing*. A choir of 18 men and women—called Sounding Joy!—sang under Kathy's direction. Many of the compositions were accompanied by liturgical dance, as well as readings from their book and Robert's images. Kathy studied music composition at Middlebury, then at Yale and London's Royal Academy of Music. She was also the 1990 recipient of a Proctor Fellowship for the study of sacred music composition at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. Kathy is the pastor of Bethany Church in Randolph. ■ According to a news report, Rep. **Frank Pallone** of NJ has already been lobbying Minority Leader Richard Gephardt to become the next chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, a position widely viewed as a springboard to a top elected leadership position. Frank, who raised more than $250,000 for his colleagues last year, spends part of every day on the telephone dialing for dollars for the DCCC. He says he isn't raising money only in the hopes of becoming chairman: "I am doing it because we have a good chance to take back the majority, and money is a big part of that." He's now co-chair of the Demo "message team" and head of the leadership's task forces on health care and the environment. ■ Out in Denver, **John Cruise** has been busy lately writing computer-related publications, including two new books, *Quarkxpress 4 for Dummies* and *MacWorld Quarkxpress 4 Bible*, both published by IDG Books. He has also written pieces for marketing magazines. His "spare time" (whatever that is!) activities include teaching yoga and tai chi, and enjoying time with daughter Ryan (3), named after John's good friend **Mike Ryan**. ■ In Boulder, **Duane Kline**, now known as Tad, keeps an eye on Middlebury, although he has been too busy with life to look back much. After college he returned to Cheyenne, WY, and worked on the railroad, following in his father's footsteps for a while. Then he got a law degree and worked as a public defender for a time. He served a two-year term (1993-'95) on the Boulder (CO) City Council. More recently he has been teaching the Socratic method to teachers in secondary school and high school, and he is designing a continuing education course in humanities. Tad's wife, Rona Wilensky, is principal of New Vista High School, Boulder's newest high school, which offers an alternative to the more traditional approach to high school. Tad and Rona have a daughter, Zoe (7). ■ Your humble "western correspondent" (Kit) will be spending our 25th Reunion weekend at ceremonies for daughter Heather's graduation from Boulder High School. He has enjoyed being class secretary, in that he's been more in touch with old friends and with the College. To anyone thinking about it, he says class secretary is a good thing to volunteer for. [Unsolicited note from Kit: The magazine staff, incidentally, is the greatest group of people you could ever want to work with!]

1974

Class Secretaries: *Greg Dennis (gregdenis@aol.com), 1053 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; and Barry Schultz King (kinglet@together.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

Sybil Brigham McShane has been appointed state librarian in Montpelier, VT. Sybil has been instrumental in expanding and improving the statewide library computer network so that Vermonters in rural areas have the same access to library services as those in more urban areas. With a master's from Simmons College in Boston, Sybil joined the state library system in 1980. A native Vermonter, she lives in Montpelier with husband Michael and son Matthew (10). ■ **Robert Owen Jones**, a staff member of the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, spoke recently on "The City Spread Out Thinly—The Changing Character of Suburbia." Robert has produced National Register nominations for buildings and districts throughout RI and has lectured on RI history and architecture for many groups. He is contributing editor to *Quix* art quarterly and is the author of the annual *Festival of Historic Houses* guidebook for the Providence Preservation Society and co-author of *State Houses of RI*. ■ **Avi Ronell** spent nearly 15 years on the faculty at UC Berkeley, where she taught French and German literature and philosophy in the dept. of comparative literature. She writes: "Now I am at NYU, where I chair the German dept. and am working on a fifth book, titled *The Stupidity*

Trilogy. I try to be as much of a troublemaker as my nerves will allow. Also, yoga, meditation, ayurvedic regimen, volunteer work to balance out the other efforts." Avi was too modest to say so in her note, but at least one of her previous books has been favorably reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review*. ■ **Peter Worthington** writes from Minneapolis, where he lives with wife Nancy and children Hannah (15) and Chris (14). Peter is director of development for a privately held company that designs, builds, owns, and manages senior retirement facilities (assisted living and skilled nursing). "We also have a small chain of restaurants," he writes, "and some commercial properties. But it is the senior housing market that is most interesting to me these days. I used to build hospitals as a general contractor, but being on the ownership end of the food chain (where we control the design and the program) is more challenging. And we all know too well how the senior market is growing. I have projects in several states and I spend a lot of time traveling—mostly to FL and AZ, but occasionally to CA, where we have some properties." Peter stays in touch with **Nick Bogert** and sees him occasionally in Miami. Over the Christmas holidays, he connected with **Nat Forbes** and **Stacie Brown**, who were visiting from Singapore. ■ **Lauren Singer Waite** is enjoying life in Skaneatles, NY, with husband Peter and kids Hillary. Christopher, and Hannah. In between shuttles to dramatics, soccer, riding, sailing, and band rehearsals, Lauren manages to find time for her work at HealthCare Press and even a few hours a week with their horse, April.

PHOTO CAPTION **Earl Irving** (right) is principal officer of the U.S. Consulate in Recife, Brazil—considered isolated by Foreign Service standards with only two American officers. "Nevertheless, my wife Jeanne and I have had a good run here where we've enjoyed the food, the music, and the people. I will be leaving in July for a year at the College of Naval Warfare in Newport, R.I." Earl reports that **Russ Frisbie** (left) is doing an outstanding job heading the economic section of the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, where he has another year and a half to go on his assignment. The two senior year roommates got together in Santiago over the 1997 holidays. With them is Earl's son, Michael (6).

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald (macemmert@aol.com), 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Polly Hallett Kawalek has been appointed to the board of directors of Kimball International, Inc., a diversified manufacturer of consumer durable goods. Since becoming president of the hot breakfast division of the Quaker Oats Co. in 1996, Polly has achieved volume growth as well as market share growth for key products. She also serves on the board for the Chicago Foundation for Women, and on the advisory board of the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. She lives in Wilmette, IL, with husband Paul. ■ **Michael Metz** of Charlotte, VT, has been appointed by Gov. Howard Dean to the board of trustees of the Frog Hollow VT State Craft Centers. Michael is a precious metals consultant with a long involvement in community arts management.

1976

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler (madler@hhj.com), 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell (JenCogsAt6@aol.com), 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

For the second time in four years, **Paul Cousins**, meteorologist at WGME-TV in Portland, ME, has been recognized as providing the best weathercast in the state at the annual ME Association of Broadcasters Convention. Following broadcasting positions at NBC affiliates in Portland, Hartford, and Boston, Paul returned to Portland to work at the CBS affiliate there in 1987. He has also worked as a geophysicist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, MA. ■ **Stephen Fraser** has accepted a job as executive editor of Alladin Paperbacks at Simon & Schuster in NYC, acquiring and editing children's books. With a master's in children's literature, Stephen has been working in children's publishing for 11 years and living in the Big Apple for three. Stephen gets together with **Peter Kristoph** from time to time, to see movies and plays. ■ **Robert Skinner**, of Essex Fells, NJ, has been elected group VP of Oxford Industries, where he has worked since 1978. He also retains his responsibilities as president of the Oxford shirt group. ■ **Ron Somers** is still in India, putting up a power plant for Cogentrix. His e-mail address is mpcbang.mpower@axcess.net.in. ■ **Peter Straley** has been named president and chief executive officer of Health New England, one of the largest managed care companies in western MA. He most recently served as CEO of Baycare Health Partners. At the request of the American Hospital Organization, Peter wrote *Developing a Successful Physician Hospital Organization*, a how-to manual for the AHO's membership. ■ **David Sibley** (sibholl@dmv.com) writes that he and Suzanne and daughter Claire have moved from CA to Dover, DE, "where we have the best nighttime view of the stars since the Middlebury days." Dave is still practicing psychiatry. ■ **Richard Hodges** (rwhodges@vom.com) has sold his ownership interest in Optimisers and is now doing business as Richard Hodges, Telecommunications Consulting and Management Services. He and wife Reann, who are living in CA's Sonoma Valley, were scheduled to travel east for Christmas to see family in MD and GA. They also hoped to be able to visit then with **Richard Maeder** in Washington, DC. ■ The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art is exhibiting work by **Robert Gober** in the main galleries from January 18 through May 17. This exhibition celebrates him as winner of the 1996 Larry Aldrich Foundation Award. The installation he created encompasses two floors of the museum. On the top floor, a suitcase holding a storm crater opens to reveal a view of a brightly lit tidal pool below, complete with rocks, seaweed, seashells, mollusks, and more—all painstakingly created by hand over a two-year period. The exhibition also includes two new sculptures and four earlier sculptures of themes for which he has become well known—sinks, body parts, and drains. The accompanying photo-documentation reveals the intensity of the hands-on process, the deceptive nature of realism, and the collaborative nature of the artist's work.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and Katie Lange Dolan (katie-dolan@msn.com), 4 Beach Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.*

Children and medicine dominate our lives these days, it seems. **Susan Pendleton** and Tom Gill have a son, Ethan Pendleton Gill, who was born on August 21, 1997. Now taking a one-year leave of absence from Lucent Technologies, Susan reports that so far motherhood has been "exhilarating, challenging and (at times) overwhelming." ■ Hugh and **Ellen Fisher Stockmayer** are the parents of TWINS, Pieter and Luke, who arrived on November 19, 1997. ■ **Jim Stoner**'s son, James Anthony Joseph Stoner (known to family as Anthony), made his appearance on January 6, 1998. Jim's daughters, Rosalie (4) and Cecilia (3), are reportedly "thrilled to have a baby brother to help care for and to love very hard." When not parenting or teaching at LSU, Jim is writing essays, with one published in *Reason and Republicanism: Thomas Jefferson's Legacy of Liberty*, and another in *The Supreme Court and American Constitutionalism*. While he has come a long way from PS 102, Jim says that he still spends time in New England and studies the Constitution. He also co-directs conferences on constitutional topics in Freeport, ME, with Dick Morgan of Bowdoin College. ■ **Steve Ongley** loves to talk about his kids. His teenage son is now over six feet tall and his baby daughter is "adorable, even if she does sit up all night fussing with a cold." ■ **Bill Powell** feels much the same way: "Alexis is three years old and a delight." Bill finds time, though, to do fundraising and a business plan for the new civic center in Montpelier, and he has been working with the high school board on a major renovation of the regional high school. ■ **T.L. Regan** has learned how important it is to enjoy your kids while you can, since his own live some distance away. He has passed on his appreciation for skiing to his children, who are considering applying to Middlebury in a few years. T.L. recently began building woodstrip/west system epoxy canoes. He also teaches CCD, helps out at the Loon Mountain Ski Racing Club, and has taken up mountain bike racing. ■ On the medical front, we start with **Tanina Frouge**. Formerly president and founder of Frouge Bioscience, Tanina was recently appointed director of investor relations at Nabi, a fully integrated biopharmaceutical company with a broad product portfolio and significant R&D capabilities. Tanina was welcomed to Nabi for her experience, "both on Wall Street and within the biotechnology community." ■ The Hetrick-Martin Institute Emery Awards program has honored public relations consultant **Mario Cooper** for his active role in the battle against HIV/AIDS. Among other accomplishments, Mario founded "Leading for Life" in 1996 and hosted a 1997 retreat to develop strategies for marketing HIV/AIDS and STD prevention messages to adolescents. ■ **Carol Wallace** was elected chair of the CT Business and Industry Association. Carol is president and CEO of Cooper Instrument Corp. ■ Look for lots more news in the next issue, as we compile the responses to our February mailing. If you haven't re-

Two Foreign Service officers in Santiago (see 1974 column)

sponded yet, please do so right this minute. It's never too late, and you don't even need to unearth the letter we sent. Just write to us!

1978

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (irshdude@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne (hcpwrite@aol.com), 69 Stern Ln., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Ed Kanze reports that he and wife Deb will be settling in Cortland, NY, for the near term, not quite all the way back to New England (as reported previously). After writing the tribute to J. Rowland Illick in the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, Ed received a note from the student who received the first geography prize issued in Prof. Illick's name. ■ The last time we heard from **Leslie Davis Zachary** was just after her daughter Julia was born, two years ago. Leslie and husband Andrew bought a beautiful but badly neglected 1941 colonial house with four acres in Stamford, CT, last May: "I have spent the last seven months as our general contractor, redoing every major system (septic, well, electrical, plumbing, heat, and air conditioning), as well as renovating four baths, master suite, kitchen, and screened-in porch. We painted the entire inside of the house and refinished all of the oak floors. Next spring we hope to move on to phase II: redoing the outside of the house and enlarging the garage. That's assuming we recover from phase I!" ■ Living in Manhattan and on Long Island's North Fork, **Steve Kolyer** is married to Virginia-bred actress Andrea Capalaces, while continuing his career as a corporate partner managing an established and growing securitization and structured derivatives practice at the 400-attorney international law firm of Rogers & Wells. ■ **Martha Mayne** and Lincoln Fuller were married on September 21 in Yarmouth, ME. They honeymooned by sailing the ME coast in their boat. Martha is president of Maynely Marketing and Lincoln is a civil engineer. They live on Cousins Island, Yarmouth. ■ **Jim Condict Grace** (jim@graces.com) and wife Eden have a new son, Jesse Frederick Grace, who was born on December 13, 1997. Jesse joined brother Isaiah (19 mos.). The Graces live in Medford, MA. ■ **Lee Hill** and **Peter Gang** have a son, Riley, who is almost four. They live in Petaluma, CA. ■ Last October, **Elisabeth Robert** became the new president of the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. in Shelburne, VT. The company was in the news last spring during its copyright confrontation with the giant Walt Disney Co., charging the Disney had copied its "Bear-Gram" idea by marketing "Pooh Grams" with a similar-looking trademark. Elisabeth reports that customers can view the VT Teddy Bears and order them on the company's web site. ■ Co-secretary **Kevin O'Leary**'s L.A. law firm has expanded to include a San Francisco office. Under the name Padilla, O'Leary & Wong LLP, the firm is "AV" rated and focuses on business litigation, labor and employment, and environmental matters. Kevin is disappointed that he is unlikely to make it back for reunion, but would love to see any classmates on the West Coast and wishes everyone the best. ■ As she braces for another El Niño storm (stocking up on bottled water, candles, and flashlights), co-secretary **Helen Cooke Pyne** reports "We've finally tracked down **Steve Rayhill** who, after finishing medical school at Columbia and a residency in general surgery at Stanford, is thriving in the Midwest as director of kidney and pancreas transplantation and as assistant prof. of surgery at the Univ. of Iowa's Medical Center. How did a ski fanatic end up in the flatlands of IA? "I never thought I would live in Iowa City," Steve says, but he so enjoyed his first job in Madison at the Univ. of WI that it seemed only natural to transfer to another midwestern post. "I love surgery. The job has its high stress moments, but it's a social job, which is what I love about it most (except for the actual surgery, which is [a lot] like skiing.... We operate on people of all ages, from infants to 80-year-olds.... [Anyone] can develop kidney or liver failure and require a transplant." Although he's not on a first-name basis with George Clooney, Dr. Steve does admit that working in hospital wards has been excellent for his social life. "**Trey Hunt** reports feeling old when he ran into a fellow Midd alum in Paris who was from the class of '84! He says 'there is little news otherwise, since the past three years have mainly been about chemotherapy, but I'm out now and the future looks hopeful. My husband, Will Meister, and I love living in Palm Springs, renovating our little George Jetson house, and parenting our delightful cat, Digby, who despite my urgings refuses to consider going east for college." Trey is considering returning for reunion since it has been a long time since he has seen New England. ■ **Mark Cater** hopes to get back to Midd for reunion. He and wife Sheryl spend lots of time going to recitals and youth soccer with their two daughters (10 and 7). With an MBA from Carnegie-Mellon (1981), he headed back to MN to start a marketing career in the medical device business. He left the big company world three years ago and is now starting a new company, Nutricepts, manufacturing specialty ingredients for food (the kind of stuff that makes it smoother, longer lasting, tastier, and more nutritious). Mark and Sheryl get together with **Dave Jaffray** and wife Mary. Dave and Mary have two sons, also 10 and 7. He also plans to be at reunion. ■ **Robert Carolla** writes that he's looking forward to reunion weekend, and hopes to turn it into a week-long VT vacation for wife Stacy and son Jonathan." ■ Classmates, our 20th Reunion is just around the corner, but there's still time for you to make plans to attend. Don't miss out on a fantastic weekend frolicking with old friends and exploring your old stomping ground in beautiful VT!

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH.03824.*

Colin Myer (myerc@kochind.com) writes: "In August we moved to KS after 10 years in NY. What a change! I work for a large private company, Koch Industries, in their trading area and I am having a great time. We have three kids, ranging in age from 11 to 4 and they have adapted easily to this new environment with sports and school activities taking up most of their time. For my wife and me, this represents a less hectic life and more free time to spend with each other. Gone are the days of the three-hour commute, but we also miss the East and will be vacationing in NY and MA this summer. Come on by the next time you venture through Wichita." ■ Now a graduate of the Univ. CT School of Law, **Nat Whitcombe** has been admitted to the CT bar. ■ The Rev. **Mary Lee Krahn** is the pastoral care coordinator of Hospice in Chautauqua County, NY. She wrote of the courage and faith of "the heroic hospice patients among whom I am privileged to minister each day" in a recent article in the Jamestown, NY, newspaper. Mary and husband Wolfe-Dieter Krahn '78 live in Jamestown with children Jonathan Lee (4) and Martin David (9). ■ **Chris Eaton** and her family recently moved to Hamilton, MA. **Donna Brewer MacKenna** reports: "Chris sounds well and I am hoping to see more of her now that she is less than half a mile away from me—jogging distance for some, but not for me!" ■ After a 10-year stint at L.L. Bean, **Art Boulay** reports that he woke up and thought, "Why did I move to Maine to work for a billion-dollar corporation and have no time to enjoy what I moved here for?" So he took advantage of a downsizing package six years ago to start a consulting business, Organizational Productivity Institute, Inc. OPI has offices in ME and NH and provides a wide range of consulting services to individuals, entrepreneurs, and both small and large companies. "We have a great team and enjoy what we do and how we do it," Art writes. "My partner, Bill Maloney, tells me that this is permanent as we are no longer employable! He is probably right." You can learn more by checking out OPI's new website at www.opi-inc.com. ■ If you're wondering about the real story behind White House fund-raising, call **Rob Meldrum** and **Doug Jenkins**. The two met with Hillary Clinton last summer at one of the infamous White House teas and chatted with her about how corporate America can better serve single-parent families. When not trying to win friends and influence people, Rob and wife Kelly live in Cincinnati, where both are sales managers—Rob for the phone company and Kelly for State Farm Insurance. The Meldrums spent two weeks last fall in Africa visiting Rob's brother Andy Meldrum '74, who has been living in Harare, Zimbabwe, since 1980. Andy writes for *The Economist* and *The Guardian*. Rob also does some writing and has been published three times (out of three submissions): "two computer-related articles and one lit-inspired sendoff for a New-York-based literary magazine called *Turnstiles* that probably sold eight copies," he writes. "That's over an 18-year career, so you can see I'm not too serious about it." ■ **Rick Legro** is living with his family in Hershey, PA, after what he describes as "a long, strange trip since Middlebury." After graduation, Rick worked and studied in Switzerland, Paris, and Munich. Medical school at Mt. Sinai in New York brought him back to the States. A residency at the Univ. of Pittsburgh took him to PA and a fellowship to Los Angeles and the Univ. of Southern CA. Rick is a reproductive endocrinologist on the faculty at Penn State Univ. College of Medicine in Hershey. In addition to clinical practice, student and resident education, he is researching a condition known as Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, which causes irregular periods and a slight excess of male hormones in women. "We are currently conducting a nationwide study sponsored by the NIH into these women and their families as we suspect this is a genetic condition," he writes. Rick is married to Mimi Brodeur, a restaurant critic and food writer, and they have four children—Andrew (8), Ellen (6), Nikki (4), and Liza (2)—who keep them on the run. "I am temporarily retired from other hobbies and pastimes that do not relate to them," Rick writes. "Consequently, I am a passable soccer player and despise the game of t-ball. We welcome any visitors who may be in the area at Hershey Park or other local sites."

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

Dan and **Anne Colton Sapp** are the parents of Walker Bradford Sapp, born August 1, 1997. "We are loving taking him for hikes in the Marin Headlands. Though now that I am back at work, it will be a challenge." ■ **Kathleen Ransome Tinseth** is director of the beverage services div. for Hidell-Eyster Technical Service in Hingham, MA. Kathleen consults with beverage companies in financial, market research and business planning matters. She has also consulted for several internationally based companies. ■ **Kimberly Winick** became counsel for the Chicago-based international law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt on January 1. Kim is working in bankruptcy in the Los Angeles office. ■ **Kimberly Adams**, of Park City, UT, and W.C. "Skip" Klintworth (SMU '75) were married on May 31, 1997. Now in her 10th year anchoring the evening news for the ABC affiliate, Kim writes that they recently finished a new home in Deer Valley. Kim regularly sees Holly Flanders, another "Stewart" freshman. "See you in 2002?!" ■ Congratulations to Fred and **Marjorie Williams Vandenberg**, who became the parents of daughter Rebecca Patrice on January 15, 1998. She joins big brothers Halsey and Jeremy. ■ **Peter Curran** (pgc@svidaho.net) writes: "I have moved from Chicago to Ketchum, ID—a town with a much higher proportion of Midd alums. We (my wife, twin daughters (8), and our new Irish wolfhound) all love it. We should have done this long ago! I continue to work as an endocrinologist, although now need to commute several days a week to larger population centers. See you in '00."

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

Michael Tharp completed his fourth marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, 56 minutes ahead of Vice President Gore. **Anne Borchardt Exler** and **Polly Smith Bates** were there to cheer him on in the rain. A Middlebury hat was spotted on another unknown marathoner. ■ After 13 years in the OH Attorney General's office, **Lauren Ross** has entered private practice as an associate at the Springfield, OH, firm of Martin, Browne, Hull & Harper, specializing in education, labor, and employment law. Lauren and husband Dean Jenner live in Columbus, OH, with children Sarah (13), Grace (4), and David (9 mos.). Lauren reports: "I beat the drum softly for Middlebury and tell people that, even though I have traveled to many places in the U.S. and in Europe, Middlebury is still the most beautiful place I've ever seen." ■ After a long silence, **Tom Daniels** (tdaniels@execpc.com) reports that he completed his Ph.D. at SUNY Buffalo and is happily working as a psychologist in Madison, WI, mostly with kids, families, and court evaluations. He keeps busy with cross-country skiing, woodworking (building a boat), swing and contra dancing, and gardening. ■ **Laurie Allen Marsden**, husband Donald, and children Hannah (12), Christiana (10), and Jeremiah (6), are now living in Moscow, Russia. Russian is the sixth language for both Donald and Laurie and it is "proving to be a reasonable challenge!" The position the Marsdens share is called the Russia Twinning Project and it involves partnering Russian Baptist churches with American Presbyterian churches. Until August 2000, the Marsdens can be reached at Dmitria Ulianova, Dom4 Korpus2, Kvartira 471, Moscow, Russia 117333, or by e-mail at dmarsdenjr@maf.com. ■ Bob and **Joan Foster Evans** welcomed Gregory Andrew Evans on April 7, 1997. Greg joins big brother Sam at home in Needham, MA. Joan reports that the family has succumbed to their first station wagon to haul everyone around. Joan is a staff attorney for the MA Dept. of Public Utilities. ■ Financial analyst **Paul Benziger** and wife Edna live in Bronxville, NY, with daughter Karina (7) and son Carl (5). Paul has served on the board of the Bronxville Beautification Council and last fall he was a candidate for school trustee. Paul is also active in the Middlebury College Alumni Association. ■ Daughter Christina Joy joined Mark and **Holly McConnell Avery** and big sister Megan (4) on August 11, 1997. Holly writes: "We've given up white-collar stress and fast lane, for blue-collar 'time to live' lifestyle. Mark is a firefighter and photographer; I work in a plant nursery. Happy '98!" ■ Please visit Middlebury's website (middlebury.edu) and add your e-mail address to the alumni directory. Drop your secretaries a line any time to let us know what's new with you!

Although he's not on a first-name basis with George Clooney, Dr. Steve does admit that working in hospital wards has been excellent for his social life.

Steve Rayhill

1978

1982

Class Secretaries: *Mary Beth Litster Cockerham (marybeth.cockerham@east.sun.com), 1262 Dartmouth Ct., Alexandria, VA 22314; and Ellen Harris Swiggett (jswigg@aol.com), 13 Georgetown Cir., Madison, CT 06443.*

Michelle Castelli Clancy has joined the faculty of the dance department at the Performing Arts Center of MetroWest in Framingham, MA. She was a dancer there last year and has an extensive background in dance and choreography. ■ **Bill Cahill** lives in Beverly, MA, with wife Laurie and sons Matthew (9), Peter (6), and Andrew (2). Bill coaches youth hockey and soccer, and last fall he was elected to the Beverly school committee. ■ In Biddeford, ME, **John Ratoff** is now an account executive with Robinson Marketing, an advertising, public relations, and business communications company. He was previously executive director at Huntington Common in Kennebunk, where he lives. ■ Over in Bangor, ME, **Christopher Popper** is a sales rep for Boise Aise, a Canadian wholesale lumber company. He has served a four-year term on the zoning board of appeals and a three-year term on the city council, and he was seeking a city council seat again last fall. ■ **Jane Oski** and Steven Moul, who are both pediatricians working for the Indian Health Service, were married on October 25 on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Jane is also involved in a research project with the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. After a wedding trip to Mexico, the newlyweds are living in Tuba City, AZ, which is located in the Navajo territory. ■ **Joe Weis** writes "I have just joined Gemini Holdings, a Pittsburgh based buy-out firm, as its third partner. A great opportunity to utilize both my J.D. and MBA." Joe and wife Maura Toole Weis '85 have two sons, Connor (6) and Trevor (4). Joe runs into **Andy Bennett**, who has successfully expanded Bennett Supply Company, since returning from working at J.P. Morgan in NYC. Andy and wife Paula have a son, Parker (3), and a daughter, Sanders (1). ■ **Peter** and Grace Brown '80 **Smith** are fairly new to Pittsburgh. They were transferred to the Steel City by Heinz USA, where Peter was recently promoted to general manager of customer development and trade marketing. ■ **Andrew Wilson**, assistant head of the Grier School, invites his classmates to visit the new Grier School Website at http://www.grier.org. Andrew's new e-mail address is admissions@grier.org. ■ **Betsy Currier Beacom** is busy with children Kate (7), Hannah (4 1/2), and Will (19 mos.). She works at home as a part-time writer: "I have written essays—mostly literary analysis—for a publisher of reference books, some PR, and some Website material. There isn't much time for writing now, but I know I'll have more time as the kids get bigger." ■ **Donna Winham** (dmwinham@aol.com) is teaching part time for the Univ. of Phoenix in CA, while finishing her dissertation. Donna would love to find out "what's up?" with many classmates, including **Jennifer Gale Smith, Jennifer Gold, Elizabeth Pearce Hunt, Nancy Goddard Anderson, Shevy Dulfano, Ben Bromley, Blake Stimson**, and **Dave Brown**. ■ We love receiving your notes and e-mails. Please keep them coming! We are trying to assemble a complete list of e-mail addresses for our class, so that we can stay in touch with each other. If we don't have your e-mail address, please forward it to us. Thank you!

1983

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 735 Storywood, Houston, TX 77024; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 3628 Knik Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

Jeffrey Scanlon and wife Victoria welcomed the arrival of their first child in August 1997. Mia Guo-Cai was born on August 1, 1996, in Maoming, China, where the Scanlons ventured to meet her for the first time. "The week-long sojourn in China was an incredible experience. And Mia has adjusted beautifully to her new home on the Loomis Chaffee campus in Windsor, CT, where her daddy teaches English and coaches hockey and lacrosse." ■ **David Cluxton** is stationed with the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Fairbanks, AK. David and wife Victoria Rebman welcomed daughter Katherine on November 18. ■ **Todd Miller** (twmiller@zoo.uvm.edu) has been "treating myself to the joys of living and working in Burlington, VT, for the last 10-plus years." He enjoys working at UVM's College of Medicine and likes being close to Midd and his hometown of Montpelier as well. ■ Kevin and **Mary Peitz Kelly** and their two children are

A Lake Champlain summer gathering (see 1986 column)

living in Singapore. ■ We heard from **Dan Elish**, who is living and writing in NYC, having published several children's novels. A veteran of eight(!) summers at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Dan has written musicals, children's theatre and screenplays, as well as providing piano accompaniment. ■ **John Canaday** lives in Arlington, MA, with wife Elizabeth and their two-year-old child. John is an independent tutor for high school students, tutoring any subject. ■ **Doug Kincade** teaches English at Princeton. ■ **Betsy Hickok** received her MFA in writing from Iowa. ■ **Ti Alkire** is finishing her dissertation at Cornell, which is probably why her comment on the Cornell website was "Finishing my dissertation. Just leave me alone." ■ **Mark Sullivan** recently won an annual poetry award given by *The Nation*. ■ **Witt Farquhar** lives in Bethesda, MD, and works for the NASDAQ. ■ **Ibit Wright Getchell** works in the environmental studies department at UVM. She and husband Ned recently bought a house in Grand Isle, VT. ■ In a article published in the September issue of the *Maine Bar Journal*, **Daniel Kagan** focuses on whether homeowners insurance coverage should pay for damages suffered by an abused child and concludes that recent ME Supreme Judicial Court rulings have been ambiguous and contradictory. Dan is an attorney from the trial law firm of Berman & Simmons. ■ **Hope Campbell McAndrew** has been named to the board of directors of Bishop John A. Marshall School in Lamoille County, VT. Hope is the manager of Vermont Waterways, an inn-to-inn canoe touring business based in her East Hardwick home. ■ Mark and **Jeanne Hammond Larsen** still spend summers commercial salmon fishing on Kodiak Island with their daughters. Mark is taking a break from teaching to study woodworking.

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1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case (76347.1131@compuserve.com), 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

In Denver, **Buck Dominick** was the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award for his community and professional service and leadership skills. During the Oklahoma City bombing trial, Buck organized a group of young lawyers to cover the trial and write a review of each day's events for survivors and victim's families to review on the CO Bar Association home page. ■ **Michael Reifer**, a physicist and Naval War College graduate with patents in areas ranging from telecommunications to laser rangefinders, lives in Columbia, MD. Mike ended 1997 on an upbeat by having an article on laser weapons published in the December issue of *Laser Focus World*. You can read back issues of LFW on-line at http://www.lfw.com/www/lfw/index.htm. Congratulations, Mike! ■ **Patrick McCormick** has been named marketing director of *Bicycling* magazine, a Rodale Press publication. He was formerly the global category manager for Firmenich, Inc. ■ After only a year and one-half in the DC area, **Nancy Ellis Shablom** and Harry were moving in April to South Africa, where Harry will be a marketing manager for Mobil Oil. Last July, Nancy visited Victoria Rebman and David Cluxton '83 in Fairbanks, AK, where David is stationed with the U.S. Army JAG Corps. The Cluxtons are reportedly enjoying parenthood since the birth of daughter Katherine on November 18. ■ **Pam Flodman** and husband Douglas Skarecky are proud to announce the arrival of son Dale on June 3, 1997. Pam continues to teach and do research in human genetics at the Univ. of CA, Irvine. ■ **Jon** and Susan Wysoki '88 **Joseph** welcomed the arrival of their first child, son Jordan Maxwell Joseph on April 17, 1997. Jon (jjoseph@cblaw.com) is an attorney with Christian & Barton, while Susan is president of her own firm, Access Marketing and Public Relations, L.L.C. (accessmktg@erols.com). Both enjoy living and working in Richmond, VA. ■ Congratulations to Donna Goldmann and **Eric Bergwall**, who were married on October 25 in Portland, ME. The newlyweds are living in Darien, CT. ■ Since **Kristen Gould Case** didn't let us know, her Park City, UT, newspaper informed us that she was honored by the Utah Ski Association recently. She received a plaque and a pair of Rossignols, along with praise for her work as a freelance writer: "Whether writing about snow sports for the local, regional, or national market, Kristen accurately and enthusiastically conveys the many winter recreation opportunities here in Utah." A regular contributor to *Salt Lake City* magazine and *Park City Lodestar* magazine, Kristen's work has also appeared in *The Park Record, Ski* magazine, *Snow* magazine, *Diversion*, and several Internet publications.

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (Dale_Sailer @ccis.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Judith Ford Baumhauer has been promoted to the rank of major in the Air Force Reserve. With an M.D. from UVM College of Medicine, she is an orthopedic surgeon at Andrew Air Force Base, Camp Springs, MD. ■ **David G. Anderson**, with an M.D. from New York Medical College in Valhalla, is a surgeon with Floyd Medical Associates in Florence, NC. ■ New son Finlay Cooper McInerney joined **Mark** and Hilary Colgate '88 **McInerney** on December 16, 1997. He joins brother Connor (5 1/2) and sister Tatum (3). ■ As of January 1998, **Julie Hennessey-Niland** began an executive position with Telecom Fiji, which will help her while away her time in Fiji's capital city of Suva. Son Connor (2) was starting "preschool kindy" in late January and son Aidan (1) is "proving that everything in the tropics grows like a weed." At the U.S. Embassy in Suva, husband John runs the political and economic section and has served as Charge d'Affairs and Deputy Chief of Mission. Tentative travel plans include Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, and Hawaii, as well as a summer trip to France, "now that the U.S. has qualified for the World Cup." Julie would appreciate receiving e-mail at jhn@is.com.fj. ■ **Anne Burdeshaw Shrout** (maj_anne_shrout@mamc.smtplink.amedd.army.mil) is practicing obstetrics and gynecology for the Army. She spent one year (1996) in Fairbanks, AK, on an unaccompanied tour and was promoted to Major in April '97. Now living in Tacoma, WA, she and husband Joe welcomed beautiful daughter Elizabeth Anne on May 24, 1997. The entire family is expecting a move back to AK in the summer '98. ■ **David** (dgoldstein @montgomery.com) and **Betsey Herdman Goldstein** have been living in the San Francisco Bay area for the past decade. David is a VP with NationsBanc Montgomery Securities. Betsey postponed her career in order to raise Alexander (2) and Samantha (5 mos.)—the most adorable children on the West Coast, according to their parents. Other unbiased sources concur. ■ **Ann Lord Dill**, who married Thomas A. Dill (UMass-Lowell '86) on October 12, 1996, reports: "Tom and I are having fun being married. We both work at EMC Corp. in Hopkinton, MA. Tom actually has a job related to his master's degree (Harvard '97 in linguistics) as a senior technical writer. I, on the other hand, have stayed away from a job using mine (MBA-UVM '93); I'm a principle design engineer. When we're not working, we're having a great time renovating and landscaping our old house." ■ For news of **Cecil Barron Jensen**, check out the column for the Class of 1943. Cecil is the editor of *Historic Nantucket* magazine, published by the Nantucket Historical Association. ■ **Sara Argueso-Nott** is a broker associate with her father's company, Century 21, in Avon, CO. She is also an artist and instructor at CO Mountain College. She and husband Michael live in Edwards, CO, with son Austin (1). ■ **Adam Battlestein** was back in VT to dance at the Barre Opera House in January. He and Rebecca Stenn presented highlights of "classical" Pilobolus repertory drawn from 27 years of work. Developing ways to give live performances to "underserved audiences," Adam and Rebecca have performed as "Pilobolus Too" in small venues from GA to CA, and from Spain to Mexico. ■ **Scot Gould** is an associate prof. of physics at the Keck Science Center of the Claremont Colleges. He has been involved in the research, development, and production of atomic force microscopes and he is working on the structural properties of silk from spider webs. Scot and wife **Karen Casey** live in Upland, CA. Scot co-authored an article in the January 1998 issue of *Chemtech* magazine.

1986

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msh@cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (julie_ogden@gfs.org), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

Univ. of Chicago Law School Prof. **Dan Kahan** made an appearance in the Oc-

tober 20 *New Yorker*. In an article called "The Social Police," Dan supports indirect law-enforcement strategy and defends "shaming punishments" as being far cheaper and more effective than prison in many cases. He maintains that "even if shaming punishments are undignified and vulgar, they're less degrading than sending someone to jail. Nothing destroys your life nearly so completely as having spent time in jail." ■ **Nicole Rivet** (rivet@babson.edu) has "left the hinterlands of ice-covered upstate NY!" Now a development researcher at Babson College, Nicole loves her job, is thrilled to be in the Boston area, and would love to hear from Midd friends in the area. ■ **Buzz Boswell** is the interim executive director of the Lebanon (NH) Opera House Improvement Corp. He was formerly associate director of the Pentangle Council of the Arts in Woodstock, VT, where he lives with wife Polly. ■ Allison and **Michael Green** (mikala@aloha.net) are busy with triplets Kyle, Caitlin, and Tristan, who arrived on March 17, 1997. To admire the lovely cottage the Greens have available on Oahu, check out their website at http://planet-hawaii.com/lanikaicottage/ and plan your next vacation. ■ After practicing law for seven years in MA, **Gary Domoracki** decided to return to the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth to get his MBA. While living in Hanover, Gary and wife Christie welcomed their fourth child, daughter Kaitlyn Victoria. Gary will graduate and return to Boston this spring. ■ **Nathan** and Michele White '87 **Miller** are pleased to announce the birth of son Benjamin on September 22, 1997. ■ Allison Crawford and **Charles Toomey** were married on November 1, 1997, in Wayne, PA. **Tom Mellow** was there to help out as an usher. The newlyweds live in Norristown, PA. ■ Emily and **Tom Michaud** (tmichaud@kbw.com) welcomed son David on November 11, 1997. He joins Amanda (4) and Steven (19 months). Tom still commutes from CT to NYC, where he works for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods.

PHOTO CAPTION Enjoying a visit to **Mike Hering**'s home on Lake Champlain last summer are **Dave Hewett** with daughter Abby (3 1/2), Mike Hering, and **Ed Eppler** with daughter Cassie (5) and son Preston (two months). Missing from the picture is Ed's daughter Bea (3).

1987

Class Secretary: *Ann Christie Gusiff (clothestd@aol.com), 1666 Whitefield Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104; and Scott Langerman (scott.langerman@turner.com), 1098 Rosedale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306.*

Andrew Peterson (andrew@walrus.com) received the 1997 Minnesota Blockbuster McKnight Film Development Award, along with a $15,000 prize to be used for developing his feature screenplay *Cloud 8*. ■ When the coup attempt occurred last fall in Zambia, International School teachers **David** and Sheryl Cole '89 **Stearns** were told by their vice principal to fill their bathtub with water and pack a suitcase. They joined other teachers in a walled compound, where they listened to the shooting while having no idea what was happening. At 9 a.m., the shooting stopped and the BBC announced that the coup had failed. David e-mailed his parents: "It seems over for now, but a bit of our confidence about peaceful, stable Zambia is gone." ■ **Claire Barron** (barron@prepnet.ucc.on.ca) is teaching at a boys' school in Toronto. She recently took her boys' field hockey team down to play and train with the Middlebury Union High School team. ■ Former class secretary **John Castle** is busy as principal of Lake Region Union High School up in Orleans, VT. John and wife Jill live in Derby, VT, with daughter Emma. ■ **Rodney Rothstein** reports that he's in his senior year of anesthesiology residency in Memphis, TN, "the land of Elvis." He's searching for a job in the southeast sector of the U.S. and says he "loved returning to our 10th Reunion and catching up with everyone." ■ **Michael Desmond** (mdesmond@together.net) recently published his first solo book, *Peter Norton's Upgrading and Repairing PCs* (Sams Publishing, 1997). Drawing from his experience at *PC World*, this monster, 800-page computer book appeals to the broad audience of real users, focusing on useful, user-oriented advice that can help readers take care of problems without costly and inconvenient outside assistance. Michael was also co-author of *Platinum Edition: Using Windows 95* (1996) from Que Publishing. ■ Son Benjamin joined Nathan '86 and **Michele White Miller** on September 22, 1997. ■ Shaun and **Phil Simonides** are pleased to announce the birth of son Weston Constantine Simonides on July 1, 1997. Weston is named after Phil's late father. ■ It was an August wedding for Sarah Edwards and **Doug Burdett**, who met at the Bread Loaf School of English. They timed the wedding and their ME honeymoon between Sarah's third summer at Bread Loaf and the beginning of the school year—she teaches at Rye (NY) Country Day School and he at the Brunswick School in CT. ■ Julie Jaworski and **Dominic Napolitano** were married on August 16 in Cape Elizabeth, ME. Dominic is employed by the Tudor Investment Corp. in Greenwich, CT; Julie is a certified school psychologist. ■ **Dorothy Paynter** wore her grandmother's veil when she was married to Stephen Pollock on November 9, 1997, in Weston, MA. The reception was held at the former home of Dorrie's great-grandfather. The newlyweds are living in San Francisco. ■ The November 15 marriage of **Alison Napack** and Christian Malone took place in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Alison is an associate at NYC law firm Capuder & Arnoff; her husband is an investment banker at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co.

1988

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Liana Discepolo Caffrey (lcaffrey@lesley.edu), 137 High Plain Rd., Andover, MA 01810; and Claire Gwatkin, 4284 24th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.*

Dimitri Nionakis is associate counsel to the President in the Office of White House Counsel. Dimitri was previously an associate at Howry and Simon, a law firm in DC. ■ Working with a business plan from his Harvard Business School master's thesis, **Jed Smith** and his father have opened a chain of computer-oriented cyberstores. Cybersmith Inc. develops arcades for the technologically curious, with video games, virtual adventures, and copies of the latest interactive software. With several stores already in operation, the company plans to open 400 more venues in the next few years. Jed runs operations in Boston, while overseeing the plan to bring cutting-edge technology to many cities and shopping centers around the country. ■ **Kit Phelps** (cwphelps@collins.rockwell.com) is completing his second year as a software engineer at Rockwell International in Cedar Rapids, IA. He enjoys working on GPS (Global Positioning System) projects and, in his free time, helps take care of 11 horses that his fiancée breeds, trains, and shows. ■ **André Berot Spring** has joined the pharmaceutical sales staff at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Her business territory is the New Orleans area and parts of MS. ■ **Sam Smith** has opened his own business—DH Consulting, small business planning and development—in Golden, CO. ■ After almost seven years of exams and studying, **Marianne Graveline Purushotham** recently completed her last examination to become an actuary. She was looking forward to a well-deserved spring break in Mexico with husband Vimal. ■ **Claire Gwatkin** reports: "After five years with Burson-Marsteller, the most recent of which was spent in Singapore, I have decided to return to my home in San Francisco. I'm going to take some time off and figure out what I want to do, travel to France, and sleep a lot!" Claire took up residence in SFO on March 1. ■ **Carolyn Grose** is working as a Skadden Fellow, practicing family law at Western MA Legal Services in Springfield. "But my *real* job is at home in Northampton with my partner June Bogen and our daughter Bronia Bogen-Grose, born October 22, 1997." ■ Mark '85 and **Hilary Colgate McInerney** have three children since the birth of son Finlay Cooper McInerney on December 16, 1997. He joins brother Connor (5 1/2) and sister Tatum (3). ■ On July 5, Alix Noel and **Philip Toub** were married in the small Bamboo Church on Mustique Island, British West Indies. Alix is owner/designer at Monica Noel, children's clothier in Greenwich, CT. Philip is a managing director of marketing for the Fairfield Greenwich Group. They live in Manhattan. ■ At the Concord (MA) Academy Chapel, Catherine Langan and **Stuart Johnstone** were married July 19. Catherine teaches elementary school art in Bedford, while Stuart is self-employed as an author and publisher. He's also the operator of the Great Brook Farm Ski Touring Center in Carlisle. ■ Lisa Gladwin and **Erik Beal** were married on August 2 in New Hartford, NY. Erik is a VP at Merrill Lynch, while Lisa is deputy chief of staff for U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, NYC. ■ The September 13 marriage of **Paula Ricciardelli** and Jeffrey Sumberg took place at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA. A graduate of George Washington Law School, Paula is assistant counsel for the National Treasury Employees Union in DC; Jeffrey is director of field services for the American Federation of Government Employees Union. They live in Bethesda, MD. ■ Julia Sullivan and **Mark Atwood** were married on October 4 in St. George's School Chapel, Middletown, RI. Julia is co-owner of PBS Insurance (Fall River, MA), while Mark is a product manager at Digital Equipment Corp. They live in Easton, MA.

PHOTO CAPTION **Catherine Smith** and Steven Viggiani were married on February 22, 1997, in a small family ceremony. Now living in Cambridge (after years in the DC area), both are working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Boston. ■ The October 4

Catherine Smith '88 and Steven Viggiani (see 1988 column)

Antoinette van Zelm '88 and Lynn Nelson (see 1988 column)

Lisa Eder '90 and Terence Davitt (see 1990 column)

marriage of **Antoinette van Zelm** and Lynn Nelson took place in Wren Chapel at the College of William and Mary. Celebrating afterward at Watermen's Museum in Yorktown, VA, were **Chris Hrycyna, Motoko Omori Lavallee, Michele McHugh**, Hugh van Zelm '56, the newlyweds, **Marianne Graveline Purushotham**, Heather Lank Fortier '84, **Vicki Wright, Liana Discepolo Caffrey, Nancy Hudson**, and **Matt Caffrey**.

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7141 Lincoln Park Way, S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea (tim_o'shea@hphc.org), 26 Bradlee Rd., #18, Medford, MA 02155.*

Congratulations to **Ann Battelle**, who was the first U.S. finisher and took fourth place overall in the women's Freestyle World Cup moguls competition on March 14, making her 4th in the World Cup standings. In Nagano, she came in 10th in the women's freestyle moguls after coming into the Winter Games as a medal contender. Ann placed 21st in the 1992 Olympics and 8th in the 1994 Olympics. ■ **Jim MacDowell** has been hired as terrain parks coordinator for Smugglers' Notch Resort. With an MBA from the Univ. of Denver, Jim has designed and constructed a snowboard terrain park design in Breckenridge, CO. He has also been a snowmaking crew chief and a master Snowcat operator. ■ **Laura Levering O'Connell** is a partner with her father in Tygate, holding company for the Econolodge Hotel and Windjammer restaurant in South Burlington, and Cafe Espresso at Taft Corners in Williston, VT. As VP of operations, she's doing more of the day-to-day operations now that her father wants to do more outside the business. Laura says she got her "real experience" when "managing the Morning Glory Cafe on Nantucket for four summers" while a student at Middlebury. Laura and husband Tom O'Connell have two sons, Brendan (1) and Cameron (3). ■ Life has gotten more interesting for the Gould family. **Josh** (jgould@us.oracle.com) and Rita Haselton '88 **Gould** welcomed their second child, Selena Nicole, on November 25, 1997. Josh is still at Oracle Corp., where he is a senior engineering manager. ■ Congratulations to **Sean Brennan**, first-year head football coach at the Salisbury School, where his team came up a great 9-0 season. It was the first New England (Div. II) championship for the school's football program.

1990

Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and Paul E. Needham (paul_e._needham@scudder.com), 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

CBS MarketWatch, a joint venture between CBS News and Data Broadcasting Corp., has named **Bill Bishop** as VP of business development. Bill was previously director of DBC's online group. He has worked for CBS News in China on several occasions, notably as an interpreter/fixer during the CBS coverage of the 1989 pro-Democracy demonstrations in Beijing. ■ **Kara Hordlow Smith** (kara@haguedevfound.nl) is director of international projects at the Hague Development Foundation (Koningskade 30, 2596 AA The Hague, The Netherlands; tel: +31-70-328 7842), a private nonprofit that works with North American companies setting up operations in Holland. She does a lot of traveling, both in the States and Europe, and uses her background in cross-cultural studies. Working with a lot of high-tech companies, she is always learning about emerging trends in many business areas, while helping them to find the right solutions for their business needs. ■ Back from a year-long teaching assignment in Japan, **Jeff Stoner** (jhstone@ibm.net) now lives in San Diego. Jeff was able to visit Jim Stover '90 at his new home in Beijing in October. ■ **Christopher Romer** (c_romer@hotmail.com) has a new address: CEIBS MBA '97, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Minhang Campus, 800 Dong Chuan Rd., Shanghai 200240, PR China. ■ **Kimberly Gager** received her MBA from Bentley College last May and is now a sales rep for Interleaf, Inc., in Waltham, MA. She lives in Danvers. "I really enjoyed playing in the Alumni Field Hockey Game and look forward to playing again next fall." ■ **Perkins Miller** was appointed editor-in-chief of *Snow Country* magazine in January. Perkins joined *Snow Country* in 1996 as a senior editor. Prior to that he was an editor for *Powder, Snowboarder, Ski Tech*, and *Ski Racing* magazines. He was also founding editor of *The Scene*, a snowboarding publication. Prior to that, he lived on a houseboat in San Francisco, where he was an editor for *Titles* and *Current Issues*. His freelance articles have appeared in magazines from *Newsweek* to *Windsurfing Magazine*. Perkins and wife Michelle (Crooks) '90 have a daughter, Emelia (3 mos.), "who plans to be skiing in about 21 months." ■ **Laura Byrne** and John Graham (UCSD '90) were married on June 21, 1997. Her old Battell south buddies—**Patrick Hazlewood, Kimberly Bradley**, and **Jennifer Harris**—were all in attendance. Laura and John are now living in Sydney, Australia, and plan to be there for two years. Laura (12byrne@hewitt.com) is a consultant for Hewitt Associates and would love to hear from folks, especially if they're headed Down Under. ■ Lynn Herschede and **Parker Vaughey** were married on August 16 in NYC. Lynn works for Control Risks Group and Parker is at Saks Fifth Avenue. ■ **Barbara Menzel** and Blair Beebe (UC Davis '88) had an August 30 wedding, and **Elizabeth Monson** and Walker Blaine were married on August 31. Elizabeth has a master's in creative writing and poetry from Naropa Institute, from which Walker is also a graduate. ■ **Suzanne Osmun** and Andrew Dresdner were married in the Berkshires on September 6. Suzanne is a clinical social worker in Minneapolis and she's also writing fiction. ■ On September 23, Jacqueline Bousquet and **Ronald Willett** were married in Chelmsford, MA. Jacqueline is a senior account executive at Managed Comp., Inc. Ronald is a senior sales rep at American International Group, Inc. ■ Now living in Belmont, MA, **Diane Peterson** and Eric Seaborn were married on October 13. Diane teaches in Brookline, while Eric is employed by the Wellington Management Co. in Boston. ■ **Steve West** and wife Sandy welcomed son Robert Patrick on November 4, 1997. Sandy and Steve, who is working for Citibank, recently moved to Castle Rock, CO, after spending a year in London. ■ Christine Maehl and **Peter Snow** were married December 27 in NM. Peter has a master's from the Univ. of NM and teaches English as a second language. Christine is a counselor with the Albuquerque public schools. ■ Karen Walsh and **Robert E. Gray III** were married in January in Worcester, MA. Karen works for the MA Office of Travel and Tourism in Boston, while Robert is campaign manager for Gov. Paul Cellucci. They live in Cambridge.

PHOTO CAPTION Gathering in Ketchum, ID, for the June 21 marriage of **Lisa Eder** and Terence Davitt were **Deb Groves Ranicar, Therese Oliff**, and **Katie Edwards Needham**. Terence is a firefighter in nearby Sun Valley; Lisa is managing a condominium complex. ■ Celebrating the April 19, 1997, marriage of Anissa Baudo and **Jim Quirk** were (front row) **Ross Smith**, Jack Ruddy, the newlyweds, **Mitch Harper, Michael Gill**, (second row) **Carl Trotto, Paul Hauf, Amy Carmola-Hauf**, Ray Gallagher '91, **Pat Mancuso, Tom Bredahl, Bob Gianelly**, (third row) **Clark Graninger, Tucker Cavanaugh, Doug Meyer, John Mariani, Tim Madden, Andy Frey, Geoff Garfield, Gregg Beloff**, and **Patrick Aylmer**. ■ A large Middlebury contingent gathered in Shaker Heights, OH, on June 28 for the marriage of **Debbie Reed** and Steve Hopkins '89: (front row) Nick Warendorf '91, **Kiersten Haskell Warendorf, Kara Hordlow Smith**, the newlyweds, Peter Jenkins '89, Jan Haas '89, Troy Haynie, 89, Stacy Whitman '89, (back row) Susan Goodwin Hopkins '60, David Hopkins '60, **Anna Smith Theus, Chris Bernene, Holly Beatty Bernene, Jim Quinn, Natalie Waters Wright**, Ivar Henningson '89, Paul McCormack '88, Laurie Micco McCormack '88, Steve Marshall '89, Susan Yates Johnston '60, Edward Hopkins '60, Cynthia Hall

Marshall '59, Judy Cox Weiler '60, and Breck Lardner '60. Missing the photo: **Pam Vail**, Susan Hibbert Lardner '60, Cecily Mattocks Marshall '54, and Peter Marshall '53. Debbie is an account supervisor at Harte-Hanks Direct Marketing; Steve is in his eighth year of teaching and coaching hockey and lacrosse at the Rivers School in Weston, MA.

1991

Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll, 6105 Lenox Park Cir., Atlanta, GA 30319; and Kate J. Kelley (advgrc@rkymtnhi.com), P.O. Box 16, Granby, CO 80446.*

Caroline Morner taught a winter term course at Middlebury. It was a video production course focusing on developing a working knowledge of the craft of documentary, emphasizing production technique, issues of representation, audience address, coherence, and conceptual unity. ■ Living in NYC, **Allison Ross** is producing Biographies for A&E Television. ■ Still living outside Philadelphia, **Ben Danson** is enjoying his fifth year teaching at the public high school (Penncrest) in Media. "I'm teaching AP U.S. history for the first time this year, and am the VP of our local teachers' union." ■ After teaching outdoor field science programs at Yosemite Institute in Yosemite National Park for four years, **Tricia Mangold** rode her bike across the country. "I highly recommend it!" Now living in St. Paul, MN, she coordinates a river monitoring program for the Hennepin Conservation District—and she's also learning to clog! ■ **Sarah Lyons** and Daniel Price were married September 14 in Bryn Mawr, PA. Both received master's degrees in industrial and labor relations from Cornell. Sarah is a promotions manager in the marketing dept. at Astra-Merck Pharmaceuticals, while Daniel is a third-year medical student at the Univ. of PA. ■ Congratulations to **Chris Waddell**, who took a gold in Men's Downhill, a silver in Men's Slalom, and a silver in Men's Super G at the Paralympics. ■ **Kate Kelley** reports finishing her first marathon in NYC on November 2, 1997. Kate and sister Abby (UVA '94) ran the race together, celebrating their father's finish back in 1979. The two sisters are already planning to run again in NYC in November '98. Class of '91 members are welcome to join them in the fun and pain of this incredible event. Kate can be reached at 970/627-8989. Kate has been skiing a lot and also reports running into **Alden Whitaker** at the Mary Jane ski area in Winter Park, CO. Alden, who recently relocated to Denver, writes: "Well, you wouldn't believe it, but I am finally settling down. I had a marvelous time traveling in AK last summer after I finished grad school. I met a great guy and decided to forego the move to San Francisco and look for work in CO, where I have friends, job connections, and family. I'm working for the CO Dept. of Natural Resources, a very high profile position which will provide me with quite a challenge. I've also just closed on a cute brick bungalow in Washington Park. I'll be moving all of my grandmother's old furniture into the house and for once I'll feel like a grown-up." Alden expresses her hope that all class members are as happy as Kate and invite them to call when in the Denver area: 303/866-3454.

PHOTO CAPTION Middlebury friends gathering on May 11, 1996, for the marriage of **Meredith Neider** and Jon Rychener included (front) Brother Paul Diveny, O.S.B. (M.A. German '87), **Heidi Ripley, Beth Lasell Compson**, Andrew Novak '90, (back row) Paul Needham '90, Katie Edwards Needham '90, Jamie Ranicar '90, Deb Groves Ranicar '90, the newlyweds, Rich Compson '90, Marc Adelberger '90, **Michelle Graber Bergland**, and John Bergland (German '91). ■ The September 20, 1997, marriage of **Lucy Randolph** and **Bud Liddell** in Baltimore brought together **Rebecca Haskett Andersons, Tracey Spruce**, Ashley Ransom '87, Lucy, **Sara Bremner, Marike Holmgren, Heather Morris**, (back row) **Lara Guille Parrot**, David Parrot 90, E.J. Kavounas '90, Pam Adelman '90, **Peter Andersons**, Andrew Guggenhime '90, Tiz Strachan '90, Paul Bastone '90, Stephanie Cooper '90, Derek Talbott '90, Bud, Brian Good '92, Mark Maxwell '90, **Nicola Bradley, Kristan Schiller, Deirdre McGuire, Kate Kelley**, and **Gretchen Loree Crawford**.

1992

Class Secretary: *Justin Ayers (justin.ayers@fmr.com), 660 Main St., #4, Melrose, MA 02176.*

We regret to report the death of **Alexander Hume** on February 22 and send the condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Alicia Mathewson** (am453@is7.nyu.edu) is getting an MFA at Tisch School of the Arts Graduate Musical Theatre Writing program in NYC. She was in Middlebury during January, working on a new performance piece with Eric Winick '90, **Alyssa Gallin**, and current students. ■ Soprano **Chelsea Dippel** won the Mendelssohn Club's Joel Dolven Vocal Awards Competition in Albany last spring. And she recently performed as soloist with the Schenectady County Community College Chorus. In the fall she soloed at a concert in celebration of the 130th anniversary of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

Anissa Baudo and Jim Quirk '90 (see 1990 column)

Debbie Reed '90 and Steve Hopkins '89 (see 1990 column)

Meredith Neider '91 and Jon Rychener (see 1991 column)

Lucy Randolph '91 and Bud Liddell '91 (see 1991 column)

Amy Sealy and Warner McGowin '92 (see 1992 column)

Church in Amsterdam, NY. ■ **Kate Larocque** is blending two role models—the environmental educator and the classroom teacher. Working with children and seeing their positive responses to the natural world helps Kate see the brighter side of caring for the planet. She says she carries with her the words of her college adviser, Steve Trombulak: "You can only tackle one problem at a time and hope that there are people out there working on the million other problems." ■ **Maria Aliberti** was "seriously bummed about missing our class reunion last May," but was in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on a one-year Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship for graduate study at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. "When I left I was about halfway through an M.S. in environmental studies (field ecology/biology) at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH, so I took advantage of my studies in BsAs to further my understanding of insect and plant biology/ecology. I did lots of traveling, met many of the people involved in the newly emerging environmental movement down there, and improved my Spanish 100 percent! after a (too) brief run around Argentine Patagonia, I returned just before Christmas, for my THIRD winter in a row! Back at Antioch, I hope to do my master's thesis this summer and graduate next May." ■ **Nate Simms** was named snowboard ambassador for Jiminy Peak in the Berkshires, representing Jiminy on the World Cup trail. He's also conducting clinics at Jiminy. ■ **Sarah Chick Kuli** (sarah_kuli@parkschool.org) and husband Geoff '93 are enjoying their new home in Cambridge. They often see **Jeff Collins, Christine Bastianelli**, and **Sarah Gordon**. ■ Congratulations to **Tamara Caruso** and Shaun Dalton, who were married on May 3, 1997. ■ **Erin McCann** and **Brian Fenlon** were married recently. Erin is an underwriting supervisor for Pilgrim Insurance in Boston, while Brian is assistant football coach and head lacrosse coach for WPI, Worcester. They live in Shrewsbury. ■ When **Laura Cohen** and Kevin Cline (Buchnell '91) were married on September 6, 1997, there was a great Midd turnout on both sides of the family: Stephen Cohen '59 (father of the bride), Michael Cohen '89 (brother of the bride), and Casey Cline '94 (brother of the bridegroom). Also in attendance were **Bill** and **Christina Bethke Rodgers, Sandy Paige**, and **Emily Beasley Williams**.

PHOTO CAPTION The May 1997 marriage of Amy Sealy and **Warner McGowin** was celebrated in Shreveport, LA, by **Christa Hawryluk, Pete Walsh, Christian Faber, Tristram Perkins, Nick Elfner**, the newlyweds, **John Rudge, Matt Pauley**, and **Kingman Gordon**. The newlyweds live in Dallas, where Warner is managing editor of *D Magazine* and Amy is in Baylor School of Nursing.

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Anne C. Harris, 1417 Dana Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301; and Dan Suratt (daniel.suratt@nbc.com), 122 Bond St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

Annmarie Benedict got her MFA in acting from the New School/Actor's Studio Program in NYC last spring. She spent the fall of '97 on the road in a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She reports more Midd theatre alums are arriving in NYC every day and that **Amy Stern** is working hard as a production stage manager, while living with Andra Harbold '94. ■ **Jane Hanson** (janehanson@yahoo.com) is finishing her fourth season as assistant costume director for the Washington Opera. "When I'm not helping opera singers find really comfortable shoes, I go see **Jennifer Lewin** play violin in her band ★24fps★. ■ Since completing her M.A. French '96 in Paris, **Kristen Britt Terbeche** (kristenterbeche@westminster.net) has been teaching French, Spanish, and a few other languages at the Westminster Schools in Atlanta. She took Japanese language courses last year and spent part of last summer in Japan (sans hubby, Hocine). She would love to hear from Middlebury friends. ■ **Todd Schuerhoff** (Todd_Schuerhoff@mail.amsinc.com) is a systems and management consultant in DC, where he has lived for three and one-half years. ■ **Melissa Farrell Griswold** (melissagriswold@hotmail.com) and husband Robert recently purchased their own "little piece of heaven—several acres of land, complete with a babbling brook, in Westhampton, MA. We are hoping to build our house in the spring or early summer." With a master's in education of the deaf from Smith (May '94), Melissa teaches at Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, MA. ■ Having moved from Boulder to Denver, **Brooke Wynkoop** (brooke.wynkoop@jacobs.com) and **Kali McGurk** love living in the heart of Capital Hill. After acting in her fourth independent film in CO, Kali is looking forward to finding more roles in Denver in the future. Brooke is assistant directing a local independent film (which Kali is in) and has finished a screenplay. (Interested producers, casting directors, and long-lost friends, contact them at 1035 Pearl St., #11, Denver CO 80203). ■ **Sarah Taylor** is the new editor of the *Windsor Chronicle*, as of January 1. She had been a staff reporter at the paper since last July. She also teaches Irish literature at Lebanon College. ■ **Maria Rondeau** married Haden Guest (Japanese '90) on October 18, 1996. ■ After a summer of job searching, **Geoff Kuli** (gkuli@loomissayles.com) has landed his dream position, working in the equity research department at Loomis Sayles in Boston. He lives in Cambridge with wife Sarah Chick Kuli '92. He recently did lunch with Greg Boosin '94 in NYC. ■ For news of Michael '94 and **Sarah Matchett Hunn**, see the 1994 column. The Hunns would love to get in touch with **Amy Jamrog McQuaid, Heather Gerretson Bragdon, Lewis Robinson**, and **Dave Owens**. ■ In May, 1997, **Sarah Swanz** (spswanz@ibm.net) graduated from Duke Law School with a JD/LLM in International Law. Now clerking for Judge Frederic Smalkin in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, MD, Sarah passed the NY bar and intends to practice corporate law at Sidley & Austin in NYC next year.

PHOTO CAPTION **Katie Bunn** and Andy Marcuse were married at the home of Katie's parents in Hawaii on August 16, 1997. **Jamie Brenner, John Linder, Brad Williams**, and maid-of-honor **Blakeley Murrell** were among those who spent a week on Oahu, snorkeling, sunning, and partying in paradise. ■ The Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park was the scene of the June 28, 1997, marriage of **Nicole Krieger** and Christopher Moll. Celebrating with them in Wyoming were (front) Dirk Murphy '89, **Allison Gray, Sophia Kolehmainen**, the newlyweds, **Kate Chapman**, Robert Doyle '92, Galen Woelk, (back row) Sarah Quinlan Murphy '90, Clitus Marvin '90, **Catherine Elton, Serena Maurer, Lisa Baker, Elizabeth Davis, Katie Bailey French**, and Jeremy Hertzig '94.

1994

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Roeder (kristen.roeder@mailexcite.com), 2520 N. Fairfax Dr., #B, Arlington, VA 22201; and Scott Godes (sgodes@aol.com), 1401 N. Taft St., #215, Arlington, VA 22201.*

Adam Gilden (ex02@ha.mc.ntu.edu.tw) is a fourth year medical student at UPenn in Philadelphia. ■ **Alvin Ung** (aung@ap.org) is still in Malaysia, but is now a correspondent for AP. ■ **Matt Cantrell** was married last summer. He's living in Memphis, and planning to attend law school next fall. ■ Since graduating from the NYU design program, **Anne Brahic** has been working as an art director for TV and industrial theatre in NYC. She also designs scenery off-off Broadway and recently returned to Midd to design a show for visiting faculty director Carl Forsman '93 with Josh Bradford '93. In January, Anne and Josh designed Richard Romagnoli's J-Term production of *Don Juan in Hell*. ■ Dejected after the Cleveland Indian loss in the World Series, **John Newman** (jnewman2@chw.edu) took a job at a hospital system in L.A. Tim Carter '95 flew to Cleveland and drove across country with him. ■ **Anthony Joseph** (formerly Atkinson) (anthony@digidesign.com) left an engineering program management position at Digidesign/Avid Technology in Palo Alto to work for Pointcast, an Internet push technology start-up in Silicon Valley. Wife **April Paris** continues to run a growing language and technology services firm (www.iyanola.com) from their home, while raising their family. ■ **Sara Boisvert** (sboisvert@uls.pvt.k12.mi.us) left Middlebury's admission office to become director of admissions at Univ. Liggett School in Grosse Pointe, MI. ■ After teaching high school English in Transylvania one year, **Meredith King** is a development associate at North Park Univ. in Chicago. ■ As a legislative associate with the Assoc. of Reproductive Health Professionals, **Johanna Chapin** works with the teen pregnancy prevention program. ■ **Matthew Goebel**, who recently graduated from Northwestern Univ. journalism school, lives in Chicago with wife Roxy and dachshund Henry. ■ **Nathan** and Michele White '87 **Miller** are pleased to announce the birth of son Benjamin on September 22, 1997. ■ The new chaplain of the Kent School is **Michael Hunn** (hunnm@kent.pvt.k12.ct.us). Michael and Sarah Matchett Hunn '93 are the parents of Dexter Robinson Hunn, born November 9. Also teaching at Kent are Stu Williamson '97, Kimball Prentiss '96, **Kristin Currier**, Kiley Walsh '93, and Janet Weylman Kepes '90. ■ **Elizabeth Bales** (bales@dolphin.upenn.edu) and Michael C. Dell'Angelo were married on August 8,

1997. Maya Van Putten '95 was maid of honor. Elizabeth is at UPenn Veterinary School. ■ **Nancy Hastings** and Willy Fox were married on October 4 and are living in Charlestown, MA. Nancy is an account manager in sales at PCI Services, while Willy is a placement officer at Carnie Sandoe & Assocs. Willy is the brother of **Porter Fox** and Nell Fox '97. ■ **Ian Hall-Beyer** (son of Bart '71 and Mryka Hall-Beyer '71) and Joy Locke were married November 15 in Oxford, MS. Living in Colorado Springs, Ian provides audiovisual support at the Broadmoor Hotel, while Joy is a systems administrator at usa.net. ■ **Kathy Becker** is an associate practicing health care law with the firm of Strasburger & Price in Dallas. ■ En route to FL for winter break from GW Law School, **Scott Godes** ran into Philadelphia residents **Booth Hodde** and **Naomi Moskowitz** in the Atlanta airport. ■ In January, **Jason Stull** (jstull@aol.com) drove down to DC to visit Scott and **Nick Nebolsine** (nebolsine@juno.com). Jason is at UPenn, studying to be a veterinarian. Nick is studying tapes of *This Old House* to determine the first project for his place in Old Town, Alexandria, VA. ■ **Chris Butler** (chris_butler@mail.mba.wfu.edu) is pursuing an MBA at Wake Forest Univ. ■ **Melissa McClure** (mcclure@alchecchi.com) is a political policy issues analyst in the CA gubernatorial race. ■ Also in CA, **Gabe Nathanson** is working in carpentry. ■ **Todd Shafer** is in his third year of teaching private school in Mobile, AL. ■ Back from a trip to South America, **Allen Rindfuss** (alrindfuss@hotmail.com) is running for Congress once again. ■ **John Anderson** is living in Ripton, cutting wood with the help of his horses, Unit One and The Kid. Also in Middlebury are **Jeremy Hertzig** and **Critter Thompson**. ■ After six months in London, **Luke Schaeffer** entered business school last fall. ■ Doing research at the Scripps Research Institute, **Brendan O'Leary** (bmoleary@scripps.edu) expects to finish a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at M.I.T. in June '99. ■ **Katherine Kaess** is assistant to the director of Christie's art auction house in Paris. ■ In Seattle, **Amity Stauffer** (amity@nwlink.com) is a technical writer at Microsoft, while applying to law schools; **Stacey Gannon** (sgannon@gsblaw.com) is taking classes for museum studies and working at a law firm. **Amy Hansen, Kirsten Morbeck**, and **Jason Omenn** are also in Seattle. ■ **Andra Harbold** was a visiting prof. at Midd this spring, teaching "The Creative Process." ■ **Lisa Clapp** is in second year law school at Rutgers-Newark. ■ **Anne Mansfield** is assistant to the president at Vermont Law School. ■ **Michael Howson** (mikeritz@worldnet.att.net) and wife Ritsuko are living in Arlington. He works for DC law firm Wiley, Rein & Fielding. The Howsons were visited by **Dan Greenwood** on a stateside visit from Japan. ■ **Tim Bernard** (timothy.bernard@mc.rochester.edu) is at the Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine. ■ Looks like **Steve Reale** (sreale@vkco.com) will have to focus on dominating the cycling circuit while he recuperates from a ski crash at a Masters GS ski race, where he managed to tear his ACL and MCL in the right knee. Ouch! ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** (kjrade@iquest.net) is teaching science at Chicago's Francis W. Parker School in Lincoln Park. ■ Also in Chicago is **Kevin Marshall**, soon graduating from law school (Univ. of Chicago) and clerking on the 4th Circuit next year. ■ **Michael Sayre** works for Ski Engineers in NH, where he's paid to go skiing and try out new sites. ■ **Chris Marshall** was on an episode of *Frasier* this winter. ■ **Michael Hainen** (mhainen@mwe.com) is an associate for McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago. ■ **Ken Mansfield**, who graduated from UPenn law school in spring '97, is an associate in the commercial litigation dept. of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis and Himmel in NJ. ■ Over the lunar new year holiday, Chris Kemple (chris_kemple@amchamkorea.org) got a break from the Korean financial crisis with a trip to Thailand. ■ After spending 10 March days in Midd, **Christina Jaeger** returned to London to run a documentary series for the BBC. ■ **Amy McKee**, a second year Tulane medical school student, recently ran a marathon. ■ On a month long NOLS trip in Baja, **KT Briscoe** managed to dislocate her shoulder while sea kayaking on the last day. She later began an internship at the American Embassy in Dublin. ■ **Alex Mackintosh** is doing on-line publishing in London for Euromoney. ■ In DC, **Karen Bowden** is the new marketing associate at Meridian International, and **Jean Hudson** is working for the National Federation of Independent Business. ■ **Teresa Cooper** is getting an MFA in fiction writing at Columbia, while doing freelance magazine writing and working for various publications in NYC. ■ **Trista Voss** and **Ed Soh** recently took a vacation to Puerto Rico. Ed started Harvard Business School in January. ■ In Boston, **Carmen Asteinza Hopwood** is the proud mother of John Edward Hopwood, born December 22, 1997. ■ **Mark Feldman** runs the Jewish Community Center in Raleigh, NC. ■ With a master's in public policy and management from Syracuse, **Mridul Rahman** (marahman@dttus.com) has joined the Austin practice of Deloitte and Touche. ■ **Dave Sequeira** (dave.sequeira@barra.com) ran into **Daryl Menton** in AZ this winter. A rodeo clown apprentice in Scottsdale, Daryl worked the Westworld Championship last November, making sure no cowboys got squashed. ■ Visiting brother Rick '97 in Sun Valley over Christmas, **Sandy Durst**

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Nicole Krieger '93 and Christopher Moll (see 1993 column)

Karen Falso '94 and Colin Leonard '92 (see 1994 column)

Beth Whitney '95 and Matthew Longman '89 (see 1995 column)

(sdurst5050@aol.com) ran into **John Roach** and **Kate Walsh**. John writes for an Internet environmental magazine. **Greg Boosin** visited Sandy in January. Sandy enjoyed a recent Blues Traveler show in Chicago. ■ **Tara Sweeney** (t.l.sweeney@lse.ac.uk), who left her research position at the Foreign Commerce Section of the Department of Justice Antitrust Div., is doing a master's at the London School of Economics, focusing on Russia and transition economics. ■ After visiting **Ben Curtis** in Chicago, L.A. expatriate **Chris Carter** (cjamcool@email.msn.com) is staying with **Mike Levin** and **Dana Taussig** in NYC. He also saw **Liz Leyden**, who works at *Esquire* magazine. ■ **Jay Robison** (jaynkristi@mail.utexas.edu) receives a Univ. of TX M.A. in screenwriting this May. ■ Celebrating three years supervising volunteers in Bolivia, **Kipp Sutton** planned a return to the U.S. by May. ■ Living in DC with Stephen Pettibone, **Webb Burns** commutes to Boston on a weekly basis. He joined a startup technology consulting firm and is back at an old client, Dunkin' Donuts. ■ In NYC, **Scott Janes** recently performed an adaptation of *Brothers Karamazov* at Lincoln Center. He hangs out with a bunch of former D-8s. ■ **Erica Omundsen** spent fall '97 in Salzburg with **Bryan Wockley** and **Patty Russell**, then went to work for a health care consulting company in the Boston area (where **Melissa Fritz** also works). Erica also spends time on the Boston Midd Alumni Assoc. e-mail distribution list (omundsen@panther.middlebury.edu). **Adrian Wood** (who works at Random House in NYC) and **Graham Van Keuren** (third-year seminary student at Princeton) visited Erica in Boston; Erica was visiting **Melissa (Mel) Green** in Ripton, VT, and **Julie Beane** (an environmental consultant in DC). ■ **Jeff Richards** is working on oil rig supply boats in the Gulf, primarily out of New Orleans. ■ **Marc Castellucci** is too busy finishing at Temple Law School and doing his job search to write. ■ In Bennington, VT, **Nicole Pritikin** is an EMT and ski patrol. ■ **Ed Pais** is doing his master's in architecture at the Univ. of MN. ■ Notre Dame Law School graduate **Allison Smith**, is making the daily commute from Chicago to her clerkship for a federal court judge in IN. ■ **Terese Tatum** and Bill Urda '93 ran the Honolulu Marathon with the Leukemia Society of America in December, each raising more than $3,000. ■ **Todd Shafer** (tshaf@olympus.asms.net) is a residential faculty member at the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile, teaching Spanish and coaching men's varsity basketball and women's varsity soccer. ■ At Columbia, **Louis Kim** and **Genevieve Peterson** were elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honor medical society. Louis finished his research year and is applying to residency programs in neurosurgery this summer. Gen was matching in family practice this March and graduating this May. ■ **Joel Thompson** received his Harvard law degree last year and is clerking for a federal district court judge in Burlington, VT. ■ **Letitia Grenier** is in a conservation biology Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley. **Rachel Bryant** recently came all the way from her master's studies in Newfoundland for a visit. "**Anna Belknap** joined us for a great weekend in San Francisco, where she is finishing her MFA in acting." Letitia also reports that **Allison O'Hare** moved from the Midwest to Boston this spring.

PHOTO CAPTION Twenty-three Panthers gathered in Cazenovia, NY, for the June 21, 1997, marriage of **Karen "Kadie" Falso** and Colin Leonard '92: (front) Theodore Leach '92, Erik Dorf '92, Rick Jenkins '92, **George Putnam, Booth Hodde, Aaron Ambuske, Riley Willcox**, Zach Niles '95, (back row) **Kate Webber**, Courtney Mather Leach '92, Betsy Humphrey '95, **Brendan Collins, Porter T. Fox, Kirsten Morbeck**, Benjamin Niles '92, the newlyweds, **Naomi Moskowitz, Vanessa Christenberry, Laura Cowperthwait, Dana Maisel, Amy Hansen**, and **Jeremy Hertzig**. At the Marvelwood School (Kent, CT), Kadie teaches psychology and works in the school's counseling dept.; Colin teaches English and is the director of studies.

1995

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Trisha Lucey is working on *Sports Illustrated Presents*. She was also pictured on page four of the *Pro Basketball* '97-'98 issue. ■ Living in NYC, **Brian Perry** (bkperry@aol.com) is a web designer and **Kristy Hand** works for a company that helps recover stolen art. ■ In the West Village, **Abby Clough** is enjoying her work as a horticulturalist for landscape designer Edwina von Gal. ■ Also in NYC, **Sarah Wyatt** (sw346@columbia.edu) is working for the alumni office of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, where **Jamey Thissell** (jgt6@columbia.edu) is in his first year of medical school, while playing rugby for another winning team. ■ **Jenna Ermold** (ermold@auhs.edu) is working for the PA AIDS Education and Training Center in Philadelphia, while doing graduate school in clinical psychology. She is looking for other Philly Midds! ■ **Tory Von Hessert** has left the Boston area for NJ, where she is hoping to return to social services. ■ A systems development manager in San Francisco, **Will Kirkpatrick** says he has little time for staying out late, but having **Josh Stinchcomb** and **Jay Fritz** around when he gets home from the office makes Midd never too far away. ■ **Maya Van Putten** was back in San Francisco, after spending part of the summer traveling and attending weddings, including those of **Bryan Wockley** and **Liz Bales**. ■ In San Francisco, **Michael Berkley** has started his own record label, Numinous Records. Check out the sound clips or order your copies of his recently released second CD: *Images from Earth: A History of the Planet Through Music* at www.numinous-records.com. ■ **Sonya Schwartz** is a first-year student at UCLA School of Law, where she is part of a new program in public interest law and policy. ■ **Terra Reilly**, who has started a new job in Seattle, loves the West Coast. ■ **David Morgan** (openeye@compuserve.com) has quit his publishing job to write ad and sales copy freelance and to continue his "pseudo career in photojournalism" in Europe. Some of his photos from Tibet and Pakistan are to be published in a geography textbook this year and he wants to finish a novel he has "started now 20 times." He's in France through April, then on to Spain and North Africa. He reports: **Josh Schiffer**, the T.A. for the Goucher College post-bacc premed program, was choosing a med school; Shannon Finch '96 is a health books editor for Agora, Inc.; and Kevin Ketterlin '97 is a freelance writer. ■ **Karen Engler** and **Judson Bartlett** were married on August 31. ■ After a year working with an evangelical church in northern Paris, **Kirsten Bremer** went to Columbia Biblical Seminary and received a Certificate of Biblical Studies. Then on January 3, she married Brian Belh, an M.Div. student. **Crystal Reitsma** was a bridesmaid, and Caroline Bolt '95 attended the wedding. ■ **James Mack** is at UNH doing a Ph.D. program in chemistry, studying a little-known third form of elemental carbon named after Buckminster Fuller, who designed the geodesic domes the molecule resembles. His research is focused on a soccer-ball shaped molecule called fullerenes, discovered just in the last decade. ■ **Roberta Stewart** spent half the summer in Boston interning with a law firm and the other half in England. She plans to come back to New England after this final year of law school at Tulane. ■ **Phil Webb** has resurfaced in grad school at Columbia, after some time in the former USSR. ■ **Chad Peck**, who has been traveling in South America, was planning to incorporate a small manufacturing business in Costa Rica. ■ **Janine Zacharia** (janine@netvision.net.il) has left the *Jerusalem Report* to work as a reporter for Reuters in Jerusalem. ■ **Christopher Romer** (c_romer@hotmail.com) is doing an MBA at China's first international business school, CEIBS, in Shanghai. "Life is great in Asia, though culture and language are still mysteries to be explored. I want to hear from **Mark Briggs, Rezwan Sharif**, and Sandeep Gupta '94. Visitors welcome anytime."

PHOTO CAPTIONS The October 4 marriage of **Heather Mead** and Philip Jack in Stowe, VT, brought together **Mark Podhajsky, Erica DeVos**, Charlie Mead '67, **Janine Zacharia**, Jack Hopper '61, Virginia Hopper Mead '69, Susan Hathaway Hopper '39, and Jim Hoverman '69. Heather and Phil run a law firm together in Newton, MA. ■ Friends attending the June 21 marriage of **Beth Whitney** and Matthew Longman '89 included Steve Gaughan '94, Peter Makrauer '99, **Jordan Romm, Matthew Luecke, Jennifer Breslow**, the newlyweds, Michael Choi '89, Leroy Nesbitt '82, Howard Fauntroy '89,

(standing) **Anna Kehler, Shane Coverdale, Robyn Harrell, Kimberly Diamond, Alyson Diamond**, Jean Andersson '94, Kathy Mason Lindsey '68, Marcia Lipsett Stein '68, Andrew Buonincontro '89, Bill Landry '74, Paige Pierson '89, Karl Lindholm '67, Steve Warendorf '89, **Sara Boisvert**, Leanne and Gerry Dineen '89, **Ian McCray**, Kathy Follert Ebner '87, Ed Bolen '90, and Adrian Easterbrook '89.

1996

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Andrès Fontao (afontaoc@tvazteca.com.mx) quit his job in Manhattan last fall and now sends greetings from Mexico City, where he is assistant director of investor relations for TV Azteca, a Mexican television broadcaster. He looks forward to hearing from anyone in the Mexico City area. ■ **Jonathan Carver** also changed jobs in October. He's glad to be back in the Green Mountain State, working in Waitsfield for Project Harmony, an organization that facilitates educational, cultural, and professional exchange programs between Russia and the New England states. ■ **Niamh O'Leary-Liu** and Vijay Singh were married on December 27 in Agra, India (home of the Taj). After finishing her degree at Penn Law, Niamh will move to Atlanta, where Vijay works. ■ **Jenna Lane** is a writer at ViA Marketing & Design in Portland, ME, while living on an island off the coast. She also does the newscast for Maine Public Radio once a week. Jenna reports that **Umar Serajuddin** is still plugging away at grad school. ■ **Alex** and **Natasha Causton** are reliving their days as AAA Fashion Show models, in Boston, with roommie **Melissa Morrissey**. ■ **Scott Goldman** is working at a production company in L.A. ■ **Jane Halladay** is working for a children's advocacy center, also in L.A. ■ **Darcy Normand** is in San Diego, surfing and working at Scripps Institute. ■ **Shannon Forbush** and Billy Bingham were married on December 21 at her home in Liberty, ME. They are living in Norwich, England. ■ **Scot Applegate, Bret Thibault, Elizabeth Pongo, Sacha Seifert**, and **Karen Berthiaume** have all been spotted in the Middlebury area. ■ **Jeremy Davidson** is working for College catering. ■ **Dave Janke** was recently on campus conducting interviews for his company, BT Alex Brown. ■ **Carl Robinson** is back in Midd after six months in AK, where he'll be returning this summer. ■ **Jason Dimmig** and **Christy Picard**, who are both studying at UVM, were recently spotted at a Northern VT alumni chapter meeting. ■ According to bro Judd '98, **Josh Bruzgul** loves his veterinary program and has been to Antarctica. ■ **Alex Grossman** is moving to Philadelphia. ■ **Ned Catto** and **Ned Greene** were spotted in NYC. ■ **Cory Pierce** and **Pam Selover** are loving their jobs at Score@Kaplan. ■ **Dania Palanker** is working with Fraudulent Productions, codirecting the play *Rocking Back and Forth*, featuring Carrie Baker. ■ **Margaret Seiche** and Jacob Ho were married last year and honeymooned in Hawaii. Margaret has been working for the Sanford C. Bernstein investment management and research firm since 1996. ■ **Kristen Haviland** (haviland@dolphin.upenn.edu) is a first year student at the UPenn's School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia. ■ The sympathy of the Class of '96 is extended to **Alexis Holtzman** and **Andrew Lie** upon the recent losses of their fathers. Our thoughts are with you.

1997

Class Secretaries: *Karen Lewis (karen.l.lewis@arthurandersen.com), Marlboro Sq., #505, 410 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201; and Rob Birdsong (birdsong@panther.middlebury.edu), MC Box 4200, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

The Class of '97 officially became 103 members stronger, as the Febs celebrated their graduation on a perfect February day. On hand for the ceremony were **Brad Soroca, Whitney Parks, Brian Burke, Katie Rosin, Jon Nass, Meg Macy, Carolyn Stewart, Becky Cowgill, Greg Mascolo, Laura Coogan, Stephanie Ransom**, and **Nick Owsley**. The recent grads had varied and exciting plans: **Aaron Hyatt** was heading to Israel; **Andrew Smith** and **Jill Hindle** were exploring Argentina; **Ellen Whitman** was teaching English in Guatemala; **Jamee Field** was touring Italy before beginning an finance internship in the Windy City; **Andrew Ritter** and **Kate Mahar** were touring Europe; **Jon Tunney** was off to the Olympics and world travel before beginning work in Chicago and his MBA at Northwestern's Kellogg School; **Adrian Smith** was headed to Nepal; **John Stephenson** was headed to Vail; **Sarah Ibbotson** was off to Boston; and **Andy Jessen** and **Seth Green** stayed in Middlebury, where Andy will teach 6th grade at Mary Hogan. Congratulations to all of the Febs and their families. Remember to keep us updated on your whereabouts. ■ With her VT teacher's certificate in elementary education, **Annalisa Parent** (parent@middlebury.edu) is working in special ed at the East Midd pre-school. ■ In NYC, **Amanda Shoemaker** is a newspaper copy editor; **Emily Onasch** is working for Americorps while applying to geology graduate school; **Amy Elizabeth Nichols** is an assistant portfolio manager for Chase Manhattan's Private Bank; and **Brent McKay** is working with a Japanese Trading Firm, having returned from France and Turkey. **Geoff Pippenger** completed an internship at the Museum of American History and headed back to VT to work at the Shelburne Museum. ■ In DC, **Kevin Justh** is working for a real estate firm, **Matt Hughey** is working on the Hill, and **Elisabeth Wynn** works with a health care consulting firm while living in Georgetown with **Brian Schmidt** and **Catherine Mitchell**. ■ **Shenna Bellows** took a break from DC to visit her junior-year host family in Brazil. ■ **Graham Balch** left DC for a new job in Atlanta. ■ Also in GA, **Mike Anastasio** is playing hockey for the Macon Whoopees. ■ In Beantown, **Elizabeth Moore** and roommates **Cindy Sada** and **Erica Stecker** joined **Amber Olig, Jill Wertheim, Melissa Sopher, Clay Hartzog, Kevin Justh**, and **Wendy Peterson** for a night on the town. Also present were Howie Young 96.5, Megan Maloney '98, and Becki Plona '95. ■ **Melissa Sopher** (who lives with Erika Schubert '96.5) and **Jill Wertheim** are having a blast working for the Museum of Science in Boston. Jill still manages a few spare moments to keep up with her clarinet. ■ **Chamblin Johnson Ruoss** is working for Acadian Assets International in Boston, where she lives with new husband Seth Ruoss '94. ■ **Lesli Stinger** (lesli.stinger@yale.edu) is getting a master's at Yale School of Architecture. ■ **Emma Coello** (emma_coello@mail.mba.wfu.edu) is teaching math and biology to sixth and ninth graders at Westchester Academy in High Point, NC. "I miss Midd, but the weather in NC is far superior!" ■ UNC law student **Jen Gelb** does pro bono work at Legal Services, while continuing her hobby of keeping others in stitches at Comedy Sportz, part of a league of 20 clubs nationwide. ■ Also living in the Research Triangle is **Tim Fox**, who runs a sports arena (complete with hockey rink, of course!) and after school program. ■ **Vikar Sundar** is pursing his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at MIT, and **Kris Eriksen** is working for the Center of Astrophysics in Cambridge, **Scott Davis**, studying engineering at UVA, and **Graham Rice** made it up to Boston to visit with roommates **Joe Birbiglia**, and **Mark Felton**. **Chante Wiegand** and **Carolyn Stewart** are also sharing deluxe accommodations in Boston. ■ **Andrew Reisner** is studying (and fencing!) at the Univ. of Bristol in England; **Andrew Duncan** is pursing his Ph.D. in chemistry at UC Berkeley; **Dirk Hobman** accepted a job in Lake Tahoe; and **Liz Ganschow** was recently spotted in Illinois. ■ **Amy Diadamo** is teaching English in Japan. ■ **Radhamés Nova** left for South Africa on January 16 to serve as a school and community resource volunteer with the Peace Corps for two and one-half years. He accepted the last slot for Peace Corps volunteers who will work under the direction of President Nelson Mandela to improve the country's educational system. Moving to MA from the Dominican Republic at the age of 13, Radhamés not only learned English, but was soon tutoring fellow students, volunteering through the Greater Lawrence Boys Club, and conducting anti-drug workshops. In 1993 he was voted MA Youth of the Year and was runner-up in the national contest in DC, where he met President Clinton. He speaks four languages and aspires to be an international diplomat. ■ **Emily Gleason** left on December 26 to teach English for a year in Namibia with WorldTeach, helping to bring the country back from a national education crisis caused by apartheid. ■ In June, **Graham Balch** successfully summited Denali up in AK, the tallest mountain in North America. After working for a couple of Congressmen in DC, he took a job as an associate consultant with Bain & Company in Atlanta, GA. "Before I start though, I'm heading to France for six months to learn French and have fun." ■ **Jen Horn** is leaving Paris, and heading to San Francisco, where she will continue work with Nantucket Nectars.

Heather Mead '95 and Philip Jack (see 1995 column)

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

CHINESE

Chad Rademan ('93) has been hired as a foreign correspondent reporting on the financial markets of Hong Kong, Korea, China, and Taiwan. He formerly served as a reporter/researcher for *Institutional Investor* magazine in Hong Kong and NYC.

ENGLISH

William Coughlin (M.A. '67) is an assoc. prof. of English at the Univ. of MA at Lowell. Living in Hampton, NH, with his wife and two sons, he recently ran for the Hampton School Board. ■ **Larry Bussey** (M.A. '69), a teacher at Tift County (GA) High School since 1981, has been named Teacher of the Year in his school, his county, and in the state of GA in 1989, when he was also named a Top 10 Teacher of the Nation. The recipient of a NEH grant in 1994 for study at Columbia, he was recognized as a Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher in 1996. ■ **Patricia Vellines Frech** (M.A. '70) received her doctorate in educational leadership from the Univ. of ME in December. She teaches literature at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, ME. ■ A Fulbright Scholarship award will take **Anthony Petruzzi** (M.A. '76) (petruzzia@platte.unk.edu) to the Univ. of Turin, Italy, (January-July, 1999) to work with Philosophy Department Chair Gianni Vattimo on the relationship between hermeneutics and rhetoric. Anthony is leaving the Univ. of NE-Kearney, to accept a position at Bentley College in Waltham, MA. ■ **Patricia Hines** (M.A. '78) is the new principal of South Kingstown (RI) High School. A classroom teacher for 21 years, she had served as assistant principal in the same school since 1993. ■ **Clive Bridgham** (M.A. '79) serves as official chiropractor for the U.S. Surfing Team, which means he will be an official member of the medical team if surfing becomes an Olympic event in six years. During the 1992 games in Calgary, Canada, Clive served as chiropractor for the U.S. Biathlon Team. An avid surfer and skier himself, he operated an academy for ski racers in Aspen, CO, from 1976 to 1981. ■ An asst. prof. of comparative English and American romanticism at the Univ. of TX, San Antonio, **Debbie Lopez** (M.A. '81) served as a consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities in DC this January. ■ Navy Lt. **Stephanie Ruenzel** (M.A. '94) completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with Carrier Air Wing Eight and embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS *John F. Kennedy*.

FRENCH

Cecile Plaud (M.A. '42), retired in 1968 as head of the French dept. at New Bedford (MA) High School, continues as an active participant in the Richelieu Club, the Assoc. Francophone of Fall River, and the Federation of Franco-American Women. ■ Independent scholar and writer **Nancy Wilkins Klein** (M.A. '59) (ndklein@aol.com), of Jacksonville, FL, presented a paper, "Moments Tumultueux d'introspection dans *Cleoncie, Nouvelle Galante* (1669) de Madame de Villedieu," for a colloquium on French Women authors at the Univ. of Montreal in May 1997. ■ Author **Nancy Means Wright** (M.A. '65) led a discussion group at the Hancock, VT, library last February. ■ **Margaret Rohdy** (M.A. '68) has been appointed to a four-year term as book review editor for *Library Resources & Technical Services*, a journal of the Assoc. for Library Collections & Technical Services. Margaret is head of research, training, and quality management at the Univ. of PA Libraries in Philadelphia. ■ **Mel Kerman** (M.A. '69) has been living in Israel for five and one-half years, teaching English to Israeli business executives. He uses French to communicate with those who had French as a primary or secondary language. He was previously an educational consultant to UNESCO, helping to organize a conference on teaching about AIDS in the classroom. ■ After 11 years as the attorney-librarian for a large St. Louis law firm, **Mary Kissane** (M.A. '79) went back to school for a MO teacher's certificate in French K-12. "Thanks to my Middlebury year in Paris, even 17 years later, I was able to test out of any French language course work." Mary is teaching French at Soldan International Studies Magnet High School in St. Louis, MO. ■ Twins Julie Ann and Alexander Jeffrey joined **Betsy Partyka** (M.A. '83) and Jeffrey Graham on September 22, 1997. Daughter Jacqueline Elizabeth is 3 1/2. ■ **Sheila Becker Gailius** (M.A. '84) (sbgailius@bchigh.edu) is teaching ESL at Boston College High School. She and husband Gib are now the parents of son Jeffrey, who was welcomed home by sister Caroline (3) and brother Timothy (4). ■ **Keith Green** (M.A. '84) has joined the consulting department at Bankers Trust in NYC. ■ After eight years of teaching French in VA, DE, and MD, plus a stint at a mutual fund company, **Donna Ring Moss** (M.A. '84) is at home caring for husband Eric, Son Alec (4), and daughter Monique (2 1/4). She keeps in touch with **Grace Nogan** (M.A. '84) and **Karen Segar Salty** (M.A. '84). ■ **Robin Michelson Nourie** (M.A. '88) is teaching French part time at Germantown Friends School. ■ **Katherine Ballard** (M.A. '90) and husband Ed Blumenthal live in CT with children Noah and Charlotte. ■ **Jacqueline Dittmore Hardy** (M.A. '90) (hardy@servier.fr) has been working in France for two and a half years. Jacqueline and husband Gilles are happy to announce the birth of son Anthony on August 17, 1997, in La Garenne Colombes. ■ **Roy** (M.A. '90) and **Viviana Valdés Santos** (M.A. '90) live in Moorestown, NJ. Viviana is a visiting asst. prof. at St. Joseph's Univ. in Philadelphia and a doctoral candidate in 18th-century French at Rutgers. Roy is a captain in the Air Force. ■ After translating financial information (among other things) for Moody's Investors Service, **David Callahan** (M.A. '92) is a fixed income analyst for First Union in Charlotte, NC. "To keep my French alive, I teach evening French classes at a local community college and participate in local clubs. Contactez-moi at david callahan@yahoo.com." ■ Living in San Francisco, **Cara Ballard** (M.A. '94) (ftpress@aol.com) is editor of the publication *France Today*.

GERMAN

C. Richard Beam (M.A. '57) has been retired since 1990 as prof. of German at Millersville Univ. He continues to publish PA German dictionaries and word lists, as well as editing and publishing the quarterly journal of the Center for PA German Studies. ■ In Lincoln County, ME, **Terry Gamba Ferrier** (M.A. '60) is the director of Healthy Kids!, an organization addressing problems of child abuse. Terry recently moved to Damariscotta, ME, from Lancaster, PA, where she was director of the Commission to Prevent Child Abuse in Central PA. ■ **Glenn Buhr** (M.A. '66) retired in June '97 after 36 years of teaching German at Simpson College in IA. He founded and directed the Simpson German Semester program in Schorndorf, Germany.

JAPANESE

In Medford, MA, **Mindy Garber** ('91) has been named manager of support at Parlance Corp., a company offering business call routing services which automatically connect callers to their parties by simple voice command.

RUSSIAN

Keene, NH, resident **Barry Mallis** (M.A. '72) headed to Russia this year on a team of Rotarians from VT and NH. Barry is manager of quality and development at Markem Corp. in Keene. ■ **Richard "Mac" Hisey** (Russian School '78) travels to Russia at least four times a year since he became comanager of the Lexington Troika Dialog Russia fund in 1994. ■ **Steven W. Block** has joined the FL Seaport and Economic Development Council in the transportation and logistics practice group. He was formerly with Smith & Co. in Seattle.

SPANISH

Albert H. LeMay (M.A. '60) is program coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and concurrent assoc. prof. in the dept. of English at the Univ. of Notre Dame (IN). He teaches Latin American and Canadian literatures. ■ **Philip R. Baker** (M.A. '65), prof. of Spanish at South Dakota State Univ., received a $10,000 Rotary grant to assist the Universidad National in Heredia, Costa Rica, in improving its teaching of Spanish to nonspeakers of the language. ■ **Lucile Charlebois** (M.A. 70) is graduate director and assoc. prof. of Spanish at the Univ. of SC, Columbia, SC. She recently published *Understanding Camilo José Cela*, Univ. of SC Press, 1998). ■ The DeLaSalle Christian Brothers, who teach and administer at Queen of Peace H.S., named Brother **Dominic Gisondo**, F.S.C., (M.A. '70) as the Lasallian Educator for 1997-98. A teacher of religion and Spanish, he is also director of the North Arlington (NJ) Brothers' Community. ■ After 15 years of teaching Spanish, Italian, and music in NYC, **C.J. Everett** (M.A. '72) is the founder and director of the Spoleto (Italy) Arts Symposia (www.spoletoarts.com), a series of professional summer study programs in voice, writing, children's literature, and cooking. ■ Benedictine Father **Tobias Colgan** (M.A. '77) has been appointed prior of the monastic community at St. Meinrad Archabbey. ■ **Suzanne Simmons** (M.A. '92) chaired the Chester County (PA) Art Assoc. annual quilt show last winter. ■ **Susanne Sasser** and Javier Bozal were married on August 2, 1997, in Lake Worth, FL. Susanne is a teacher at Cardinal Newman High School and Javier at Holy Name of Jesus School, both in West Palm Beach.

OBITUARIES

1927

ELLEN ROWLEY, 92, of Brattleboro, VT, on February 9, 1998. A native of Richford, VT, she received a master's from Radcliffe College and taught at the Blake School for many years. She leaves a sister, Madaline R. Messenger, two nephews, and one niece.

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RONALD P. BURROWS, 90, of West Hyannisport, MA, on February 25, 1998. Commissioned in the Navy during World War II, he worked on designs for the fuel-injection system on B29 planes. His career with Sears Roebuck & Co. put him in charge of store construction and maintenance in the New England and New York areas. A recognized authority on marine antiques and scrimshaw, he owned the Fieldstone Antique Store in West Barnstable and the Sandwich Antique Store. He also owned the Wind Drift Motel in Hyannis. Survivors include his wife, Fredrika Alexander Burrows '29, daughters M. Jane Burrows Curtis '58 and Roberta Ann Gough, and two grandchildren.

W. GILBERT COLE, 90, of Bradford, VT, on January 7, 1998, after a long illness. In 1936 he was instrumental in establishing the Northeast Slopes ski area in East Corinth, now the oldest operating rope tow in the U.S. He served in the Army during 1943-44. After acquiring some experience in the hotel business, he and wife Dorothy (Akers) developed and operated The Garden resort for 35 years. In Bradford, he sang in the choir for 40 years at the United Church of Christ, where he served in many leadership positions. As a real estate agent, he joined Richardson Associates and was recognized as Realtor of the Year for the Northeast region of VT in 1972. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, sons Donald and John, daughter Deborah, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Predeceased by sisters Caroline Lane and Virginia Cole '31, he is survived by sisters Zella Cole Hibbert '28 and Marion Cole Morhouse '36, as well as niece Susan Hibbert Lardner '60, her husband Breck Lardner '60, and their daughter, Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel '87.

1930

WILHELMINA C. HAYES, 97, of Laguna Hills, CA, on December 7, 1997. She worked with the Rockefeller Foundation in NYC for 17 years, followed by three years in Costa Rica with the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences under the Pan-American Union. After an 11-year stint in Thailand with the Agency for International Development, she had two-year assignments in Tokyo, Karachi, Washington, DC, and Malawi. At each foreign post she studied the language of the country and taught English to natives. A resident and active member of Leisure World in Laguna Hills since 1966, she is survived by a nephew, Walter C. Hopper '45.

MARY BOWDISH MANSFIELD, 88, of Newtown Square, PA, on December 22, 1997. After doing a dietetic internship at Children's Hospital in Boston, she became a dietitian, first at Children's Hospital in Portland, ME, and then at Middlebury College. She leaves her husband of 60 years, Robert C. Mansfield, as well as a daughter, Lois, and a son, Harold.

1931

EDMUND C. BRAY, 89, of St. Paul, MN, on March 2, 1998. He was a research physicist at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, DC, during World War II. For 25 years he taught science in four schools and three universities in MA, NY, NC, MN, Saskatchewan, and England. He served as president of the MN Academy of Science and chaired the MN chapter of the Nature Conservancy, where he also served as archivist and, with wife Martha (Coleman), was directly involved in many of the chapter's early acquisitions. As a volunteer at the Science Museum of MN, he curated the geology collections. As a commissioner of the Nature Resources Advisory Committee, he evaluated geological sites for preservation as scientific and natural areas. He was also the author of several books on glaciology and the history of science. His wife survives him.

1933

JOHN F. HARTREY, SR., 88, of Port Chester, NY, on February 19, 1998. Mr. Hartrey was a Port Chester police officer for 36 years, retiring in 1974. His wife, Gertrude (Searing) survives him, as do sons John Hartrey, Jr., and Jeffrey Hartrey, daughters Carol LaDore and Maureen Ward, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

H. ALAN PAINTER, 86, of Mendham, NJ, on January 24, 1998. As a reporter for the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, he covered the 1935 trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the Lindbergh kidnapping and murder. In 1942, he became publisher and editor of the *Hackettstown Gazette*, retiring in 1972. He then joined the United Way of Morris County as director of communications, a volunteer position he held until 1987. He was a life member of the Long Valley Fire Department and an active volunteer with the Morristown Soup Kitchen and the Morris County Meals on Wheels. Predeceased by wife Olive (Hunt) in 1983, his survivors include son Alan S. Painter '57, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

HOMER E. POWELL, 86, of St. Albans, VT, on January 1, 1998. A native of Milton, VT, he served in the Army during World War II. He founded St. Albans Electric 46 years ago and was married to Marjorie (Shaw) who died in 1969. In 1977 he married the former Phyllis Davis, who survives him. Other survivors include son David and Richard Powell, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several step-children and step-grandchildren.

DOUGLAS F. SHORT, 87, of Fullerton, CA, on February 5, 1998, of heart failure. Mr. Short worked in the aircraft industry for 36 years, the last 25 years with Northrop Corp., from which he retired in 1976. His work involved logistic support in the commercial and military aircraft fields and he also worked with ballistic missiles. He leaves his wife, Rosemary (Ryan). Their three children are Melinda, William, and Marlene.

1934

FRANCES SARGENT HOYLE, 85, of Slatersville, RI, on March 2, 1998. A native of Barre, VT, she lived in North Smithfield, RI, from 1932 to 1992. For 16 years, she was a teacher in the Woonsocket elementary school system, where she was certified to teach handicapped and physically impaired children. She retired in 1976. Predeceased by husband Stephen C. Hoyle '33 in 1969, she is survived by sons Stephen C. Hoyle, Jr., and Albert S. Hoyle, daughters Patricia Zimmerman and Adria Sartrys, 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Other Middlebury relatives include her late father, Albert A. Sargent (Class of 1894), late brother R. Barton Sargent '32, late nephew George D. Sargent '57, and niece Diana Sargent Heaton '64.

1935

LESTER H. EVANS, 83, of Waterbury, CT, and Sarasota, FL, on March 8, 1998. After teaching junior high mathematics in Watertown, CT, from 1936 to 1942, he served in the Navy during World War II as lieutenant in the European and Pacific theaters. He was a gunnery officer on a merchant ship that saw half its convoy torpedoed and sunk between New York and Liverpool. He retired as divisional sales manager from Investors Diversified Services in Waterbury, where he lived for more than 50 years. He also played semiprofessional baseball. Predeceased by wife Ingrid (Anderson) in 1972, he is survived by wife Lorraine (McConnell), son Roger Evans, stepdaughters Terri Dale and Torrie Ann Campbell, a brother, and two granddaughters.

FREDERICK E. WOODBURY, 84, of Westerly, RI, on January 18, 1998. A descendant of early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Mr. Woodbury graduated in 1938 from the General Theological Seminary Episcopal in New York. He was a faculty member at the Wheeler School, worked at the Hamilton Standard in Pawcatuck during World War II, and was employed at the Westerly Hospital for 35 years in the nursing department. Predeceased by a sister, he is survived by a cousin.

1936

KATHERINE CHAFFEE ROBINSON, 82, of Medfield, MA, on February 12, 1998. A resident of Bristol since 1947, Mrs. Robinson was a teacher in the Bristol schools for 20 years. She received an M.A. from Mount Holyoke College and also completed studies at Central CT State College. Predeceased by her husband, Raymond L. Robinson, she is survived by sons John E., Peter D., and Harlow L. Robinson; and four grandchildren.

1937

Ruby Reeve Priapi, 81, of Centreville, MD, on January 8, 1998. She attended Middlebury for one year, continued at St. Luke's Nursing School in Manhattan, and later graduated from NYU with a degree in biology. A registered nurse, she worked in various hospitals and for the public health service, retiring in 1979 as a school nurse and teaching at Riverhead High School. Preceded in death by husband Victor Priapi, she is survived by son Victor, daughter Ann, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Helen Whittle Scott, 82, of Santa Rosa, CA, on November 4, 1997, of cancer. She was a personnel analyst for Aetna Life Insurance Co. in Hartford, CT, for seven years before joining the Red Cross during World War II. She served in Italy and the Middle East, where she met William J. Scott, whom she married after the war. She was a teacher for several years and belonged to the DAR and the Huguenot Society. Besides her husband of 52 years, she leaves two sisters, sons James and Charles, and three grandchildren.

1940

Ellen Rhodes McCarthy, 80, of Norfolk Beach, VA, on January 26, 1998. With a master's from Northeastern Univ., she was past president of the MA Association of Medical Assistants and retired chair of the Health Occupation Services Department at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, where she was a professor. Predeceased by husband Thomas F. McCarthy in 1984, she is survived by her son, John McCarthy.

John L. Rice, 77, of Rockville, MD, on September 25, 1996, after a long illness. Mr. Rice retired after 50 years as an engineer with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. During that time he contributed to Navy research programs in air-breathing missile propulsion and fuel technology, as well as to the Laboratory's Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion project. He is survived by wife Ruth (Griffing), son John L. Rice '70, a sister, and two grandchildren.

1941

Albert R. Hutton, 80, of Laconia, NH, on February 11, 1998. He served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. Subsequently, he worked in various businesses related to sports and sporting goods sales, finishing his career as manager of a municipal ice arena. Following retirement in 1982, the Huttons moved to Hermit Lake, Sanbornton, NH, and in 1991 to a retirement community in Laconia, NH. In 1944, he married classmate Virginia (Brooks), a fellow Marine, who survives him with sons Jon R. and Robert K., daughter Jean B. Noel, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

—Les Ingalls '41

1942

Ellen Holt Erb, 77, of Landaff, NH, on February 5, 1998. A resident of Landaff since 1952, she and her husband owned and operated the Spring Vale Farm and Erb Veterinary clinic. An accomplished musician, she served as the organist for the shared ministry of Lisbon and Landaff for many years. She was active in community affairs and was one of the organizers of the Upstage Players. Survivors include husband Frederick Erb, sons Douglas and Thomas Erb, daughters Susan Herzog and Mary Basner, a brother, and nine grandchildren.

A. Wilson Wood, 78, of Portsmouth, NH, on January 11, 1998. During World War II, he served as a Navy officer aboard minesweepers clearing mine fields at Normandy and along the coast of France. With a law degree from Cleveland State Univ., he was an attorney in the legal department of Central National Bank (now Key Bank). In 1954 he contracted polio, which left him as a quadriplegic, but after extensive rehabilitation he resumed work on a limited basis until retiring in 1978. Predeceased by wife Virginia Wynn Wood '43 in 1986, he is survived by sons Joseph W. Wood '68 and Peter W. Wood '71, daughter Sally Wood Needell '75, six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

1943

Rita Helen Burke, 76, of Duanesburg, NY, on December 31, 1997. A resident of Duanesburg since 1960, she was the

IN MEMORIAM

LINDA KITE CANTY '72

February 8, 1950 - January 20, 1998

Linda Kite Canty's time in Leningrad as a Midd student turned her life toward all things Russian. She escorted tours, administered a U.S. economic council, and did translation and interpretation for an architectural firm that helped designed the Moscow World Trade Center. Her career in international banking brought more travel in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. For 16 years she was married to a Russian, Imre Pakh, and they enjoyed the good life in New York City, buying a coop on the upper east side and a BMW.

In the midst of all this success, her life took a treacherous turn in 1987. She was diagnosed with a rare oral cancer, necessitating a 14-hour operation to remove a tumor from the floor of her mouth and jaw. The jaw was reconstructed using the fibula from her leg. After a lengthy course of radiation and a period of recuperation, she returned to Wall Street and also revived her former interest in ballroom dancing.

After the operation to remove the fibula, she was concerned that she wouldn't be able to dance again, but she found that her visualization of twirling around the dance floor was the best therapy. During her personal battle with cancer, she created "Get Back in the Swing," a ballroom dance therapy program to help other cancer survivors. She presented workshops to cancer survivors to help them relax, dance, and socialize, bringing them welcome relief from the serious agenda of cancer.

She was soon on the competitive circuit with dance partner David Canty, whom she married in 1991. Together they danced their way up the amateur ranks, placing 15th out of 180 couples in the over-35 division at the World Championships in Blackpool, England. In the U.S., they swept the championships in the same division from 1990 to 1992. She received a Middlebury Alumni Achievement Award in 1993. Sadly, her dancing career ended abruptly in that year, when she limped off the floor in excruciating pain. The cancer had spread to her hip bone, then to the pelvis and both lungs. She continued her fight with cancer until death came on January 20, 1998. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sisters, Anne Waldron and Carolyn Gehlbach. ■

proprietor of the Shop at Noch Fiernan Farm. She served with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in World War II. She was a reporter for the *Northport News*, L.I., in the 1950s. She was the former executive secretary of NY State Right to Life, from which she received the 1997 Pioneer Award. Her husband, John J. Burke, died in 1988. Survivors include sons John and Daniel Burke; daughters Margaret Murtagh, Barbara Turnbull, Rita Murtagh, Marie Drislane, and Catherine Hartung; 21 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Ruth M. Kelly, 75, of Millburn, NJ, on November 7, 1997. With a Middlebury master's degree in Spanish (1949), she was a high school teacher in the Westbury, Long Island, NY, school system from 1947, until her retirement in 1982. She is survived by a sister, Grace Kelly Milner '45.

1945

Paul E. Caplan, 73, of Cincinnati, OH, on April 7, 1997. He was commanding officer of a Navy minesweeper during World War II; after 23 years in the Naval Ready Reserve, he retired in 1971 as a Lieut. Commander. For 20 years, he was an industrial hygiene engineer with the CA Dept. of Public Health occupational health program. Moving to Cincinnati in 1971, he joined the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Public Health Service, from which he retired in 1989. Survivors include wife Mary (Marsh), sons James E., Stephen P., and John A.; daughters Anne Smith and Elizabeth Tipton; stepson David J. Skintik, stepdaughter Catherine Skintik; a sister, and six grandchildren.

1948

John M. Dineen, 73, of Orlando, FL, formerly of Charleston, WV, on February 8, 1998. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a former employee of New England Bell, retired general personnel supervisor from C&P Telephone in Charleston, a former Job Corps board member, a former member of the Human Rights Commission, and was involved with the NAACP. Survivors include son Michael J. Dineen; daughters Mary C. Dineen, Bridget Dineen Nieto, and Elizabeth M. Dineen; and five grandchildren.

Francis I. Nash, 75, of Bennington, VT, on March 4, 1998. He received an M.A. in English at Bread Loaf and attended the Univ. of London after serving in World War II as a Staff Sargeant in the 78th Infantry. He taught at Kimball Union Academy (Meriden, NH), before a long teaching career at Albany (NY) Academy. He is survived by a brother.

Richard J. Pelletier, 73, of Portsmouth, RI, on November 29, 1997. He earned an M.A. in Spanish from the Middlebury Spanish School in 1951. He received a Fulbright Scholarship in 1958 for study in Spain and taught Spanish and French at the Abbey School in Portsmouth for 20 years. Survivors include his former wife, Ann D. Pelletier (M.A. Spanish '60), and three children.

1949

John LeBaron, 72, of Stratham, NH, on January 6, 1998. He attended Middlebury from February 1946 until June 1947 under the V-12 program, having served in the Navy from 1941 until 1945. He received his degree in hotel management from the Univ. of NH and he and his wife later founded the Winsor Court Real Estate Agency in Stratham. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Miriam (Edmunds); daughter Colby Chambers; sons John, Alden, and Richard; two brothers, two sisters, and six grandchildren.

1950

Che Tewksbury Jakeman, 69, of Rexford, NY, on March 9, 1998. Born in Argentina where her father was a foreign service officer, she received a master's in education from Russell Sage College in Troy and was a high school teacher with the Troy city school district for 25 years, retiring in 1993. Predeceased by husband Alan F. Jakeman '49 in 1994, she is survived by son Kenn Jakeman; daughters Shelley Wojtaszczyk, Patricia Robinson, Alison Nicklas, Elizabeth Thackeray, Lyn Jakeman-Lee, and Barbara Casper; and 16 grandchildren.

Robert S. Martin, 71, of San Jose, CA, on January 31, 1998. An Army veteran of World War II, he retired as dean of students at San Jose State Univ. after 35 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia (Wall), and by brothers Harvey T. Martin, Jr. '50 and Richard M. Martin '53. Survivors include daughters Melanie Gottwals, Michele Merdink, and Melissa Geary, as well as five grandchildren.

Grace Valerie Field McNamee, 68, of Havertown, PA, on October 7, 1997, of a heart attack, having just completed treatment for throat cancer the week before. After Middlebury, she was a flight attendant for American Airlines. She married Francis P. McNamee '50 in 1951; they had lived in the Philadelphia area since 1965. Her interests were sports, animals, music, and traveling. Besides her husband, she is survived by sons David '75 and Jeff, and daughter Kathleen '79. Mrs. McNamee was predeceased by uncles William S. Brackett '20 and John K Cheesman '20, and aunts Emily Millard Brackett '20 and Florence Millard Cheesman '20. Three Middlebury cousins survive: Nancy Cheesman Baetzhold '48, Eleanor Brackett McVey '54, and William S. Brackett '53.

1951

Thomas H. Emerson, Jr. '71, of Needham, MA, on February 10, 1998. A retired Needham Public School teacher, he taught at the Carter Avery and Pollard Schools and was a day camp director for the Needham YMCA. Predeceased by son Jeffery, he is survived by wife Barbara (Eaton), son Donald, daughters Susan Opie and Elizabeth Ann Lacroix, a brother, and eight grandchildren.

William H. McClintock, 68, of Salisbury, VT, on January 25, 1998. A descendent of early settlers in Vermont, Mr. McClintock returned to farm there after serving in the Navy during World War II. He was a town selectman and a school board director, and he served on the board of adjustment, the planning commission, and the board of civil authority. He served the Salisbury fire department for 25 years and was also deacon, clerk, and moderator of the Community Church. Predeceased by brother Michael, he is survived by wife Sally (Smock); son Bill McClintock; daughters Mary Foote Drew, Peggy McCabe, and Martha Robinson; and nine grandchildren.

1954

Anne Hepworth Rapp, 64, of Plainville, CT, on February 16, 1998. With a paralegal degree from the Villa Julie College in MD, she was employed by the law firm of Weinberger & Weinstock. In Plainville, she was active in the YMCA and the Friends of the Plainville Library, where she was a literacy volunteer. Survivors include daughter Laurie H. Rapp, a brother, former husband George C. Rapp '52, and her longtime friend Joan Gauger.

1959

Caroline Pring Adler, 61, of San Mateo, CA, on March 9, 1998. She began a career as an editor at the Institute for Philosophical Research in San Francisco before her marriage in 1963. A longtime Chicago resident and civic leader, Mrs. Adler was a board member of the Chicago Foundation for Education and a supporter of several arts organizations, both in Chicago and in Aspen, CO, where she spent many summers. Survivors include husband Mortimer J. Adler, noted author, philosopher, and retired chair of the board of editors of Encyclopedia Britannica; sons Douglas and Philip Adler, and two sisters.

1968

Mary Seemann Morton, 51, of Thetford, VT, on January 21, 1998, of cancer. She taught elementary school at Fort Richardson, AK, and established a successful cottage industry in the production of Nordic ski hats in 1972. After the family moved to Vermont, Mrs. Morton earned certification as a therapeutic body worker in the Traeger Method, which she practiced until her diagnosis with multiple myeloma in 1995. Most recently, she observed polar bear migration and was developing a line of greeting cards featuring polar bear drawings at the time of her death. Survivors include husband John Morton '68, daughter Julie, father George Seemann, a brother, and a sister.

1969

Jett L. Smith III, 50, of Charlotte, NC, on February 21, 1998. A 1973 graduate of the American School of International Management (Thunderbird), he served as regional representative in Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the Fidelity Bank in Philadelphia, and in San Francisco and Peru for Crocker National Bank, San Francisco. He later worked for R.J. Kunik & Co. in Charlotte. Since 1978, he served as president of the Waverly Mills division in Laurinburg, NC, and general manager of the consolidated textiles division. Survivors include wife Mary Ellen (Kunik), daughters Alexis and Jennifer, mother Juanita Smith, and a sister.

1970

Randall B. Curtis, 49, of Bellingham, WA, on February 4, 1998, of kidney failure. He was a physical therapy aide at Union Memorial Hospital for several years before moving to Bellingham in 1993. Earlier, he had worked as a yacht broker and marine surveyor in MD. He is survived by his mother, Ann M. Curtis, and three brothers.

Language Schools

1930

Dorothy Graves Landon, M.A. Spanish, 98, of Englewood, CO, on December 1, 1997. She was a professor of Spanish and French at Colorado College.

1948

Anne Erickson Allen, M.A. English, 90, of Plattsburgh, NY, on February 21, 1998. She taught English at Plattsburgh High School for 37 years, retiring in 1970. She received the Robert Frost Award in Poetry at Middlebury and later received many awards for her work with filling the needs of people with disabilities. During the refugee crisis in her area in the 1980s, she gave lessons in English and French and provided clothing.

Robert H. Iglehart, M.A. French, 83, of Mystic, CT, on January 4, 1998. In World War II, he was on Gen. Eisenhower's staff during the 1944 invasion of France. After serving as a language teacher and headmaster at several American schools, he worked in three African nations and served as director of the Peace Corps.

1950

Emma Mitchell Ruff, M.A. French, of North Haven, CT, in December 1997.

1951

Gladys A. Stanyon, M.A. Spanish, 95, of Middlebury, VT, on January 1, 1998. She taught languages at Washington Academy in Salem for 34 years and at Adirondack Community College, retiring in 1967.

1952

Georgia Christlieb Atwood, 83, of Benton Harbor, MI, on November 14, 1997. She taught French, Spanish, and English at Benton Harbor High School, retiring in 1977.

Gerald D. Ferris, M.A. French, of Lincoln, NB, on September 11, 1997. He taught French at Milton Academy, Phillips Andover, the Hawking School, Harvard, and 22 years at the Univ. of New Brunswick.

1957

T. Steven Tegu, M.A. Spanish, 86, of Providence, RI, on November 23, 1997. Fluent in nine languages, he was a prof. of modern languages for many years at Rhode Island College. He was also involved with aviation, writing, boxing, photography, swimming, and world travel.

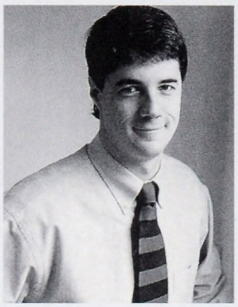
1963

Irene Seduro, M.A. Russian, 74, of Troy, NY, on January 3, 1998. She was the widow of Prof. Vladimir Sedura, who lectured at the Russian School.

In Memoriam

ALEXANDER BRITTON HUME, JR. '92

September 2, 1969 - February 22, 1998



Capitol Hill reporter Sandy Hume made national headlines last year with stories about the attempted political revolt against House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He joined the staff of the *Hill* newspaper in 1995 and also appeared frequently on the *Hill*'s radio program. Martin Tolchin, editor in chief of the *Hill*, referred to Hume as "a young reporter who outdid the big newspaper organizations. He was clearly regarded as someone with a great future in journalism."

Making appearances from time to time on C-SPAN and other television outlets, Hume had recently signed a contract as a regular contributor to his father's nightly 6 P.M. show on the cable Fox News Channel. He had been appearing for about three weeks.

A Washington, DC, native and a National Merit Scholar graduate of the Landon School in Bethesda, Hume graduated from Middlebury with honors and played four years of varsity lacrosse. He was an editorial intern for the *American Spectator* before continuing his career in 1993 with the *Fauquier Times-Democrat* in Warrenton, VA, where he reported on local government issues.

He was found dead in his Arlington apartment, his death appearing to be a suicide. He leaves his father, veteran Washington correspondent Brit Hume, and stepmother Kim of Delaplane, VA; his mother, Clare Stoner Hume of Bethesda; a sister, Virginia Hume; and a brother, Louis Stone Hume.

Peter Arundel, president of the Times Community Newspapers group, summed up the reaction of those who knew him: "His death is shocking and a major loss to the Washington journalism community." ■

1964

Mildred Elzena Huff, 94, of St. Louis, MO, on November 18, 1997. Fluent in French, Latin, German, and Spanish, she taught in St. Louis Public Schools for more than 30 years.

1966

Juliette R. Parenti, M.A. Spanish, of Tallmadge, OH, on January 7, 1998. She taught more than 40 years in the Akron Public Schools.

1976

Jean McLane Moseley, French School, of Newport, VT, on February 27, 1998.

1979

Robert J. Harris, German School, 48, of Windsor, VT, on February 24, 1998. He was a VT Democratic State Representative from 1974 to 1997.

Faculty

Norman W. Ofslager, 82, of West Hartford, CT, on December 13, 1997. Mr. Ofslager was a professor of sociology at Middlebury from 1963 until 1968, when he joined the faculty of the Univ. of Hartford. He retired from teaching in 1985 and was listed in the 1962 edition of *American Men of Science*.

Staff

Florence Alyce Frechette Buley, 89, of Middlebury, VT, on January 20, 1998. Educated in the Richmond, VT, public schools, she graduated from the Teacher Training Program at the Univ. of VT, class of 1927. She taught elementary school in Highgate and Wallingford. In 1934 she married Elmer John Buley, who predeceased her in 1959. Mrs. Buley was a member of the Residential Life Staff at Middlebury College from 1959 until 1962, when she accepted a similar position at the Univ. of VT, retiring in 1982. She is survived by a sister, son Philip Buley '59 and his wife Patricia Moyer Buley '69, as well as three grandchildren.

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Bart Hall '71
Blue Mounds, Wisconsin

Nelson Arena Was Naval Surplus

I am writing to correct a statement in your recent Viewfinder column "Cheer Boys Cheer!" You referred to "this World War II-era converted airplane hanger." This is incorrect. What it is, is an indoor training center at Camp Sampson, New York, which was a boot camp for new Naval recruits. After the war it was declared surplus property and given to Middlebury College, dismantled, trucked to Middlebury, and reassembled to become Nelson Arena. There must be many pictures and stories of this transition in your files, which I would think would make for an interesting article in a future *Middlebury Magazine*. I am a member of the class of 1941 (prewar) and was not present when Nelson Arena arrived at Middlebury, but I am familiar with its history.
Ralph (Duke) Latham '41
Charlottesville, Virginia

Granddaughter Gets the Ink

My 11-year-old daughter Sarah told me "some lady" was asking her questions at the Norwich games. We never gave it another thought—until now. Sarah got an envelope in the mail this weekend from her grandfather (Bruce Curtis '52) with an article from *Middlebury Magazine*. He picked up the latest issue only to find reference to his granddaughter inside (Viewfinder, Winter 1998). He says: "Never in all those years has my name been on the cover—front or back, inside or out. Now, along comes an 11-year-old girl, who just happens to be my granddaughter, and she gets all the ink in *my* magazine. Sometimes there's just *no* justice!" Thank you for the good article. Let's GO BLUE!
Rick James
Bristol, Vermont

Human(e) Treatment for All

In "Why I Crusade for Animal Rights" (Summer 1997), Ms. Mead spoke from her heart about her passion for animal protection and her fight for animal rights in our society where cruelty is legal and institutionalized in the form of laboratory research, factory farming, and hunting. In their response to Ms. Mead's letter, John Sinclair and Peter Swallow (Fall 1997) criticize Ms. Mead for having a "narrow and privileged" worldview, as well as a "quixotic" vision of animal rights. They quizzically wonder where equality of rights for all living things will lead, except to minimize the meaning of "equal rights" among humans. They rhetorically question where one draws the line to be deserving of legal rights and ask, "Do we extend this right to worms . . . clams . . . paramecia, disease-causing bacteria?"

I would like to point out that the answer to Sinclair and Swallow's question is contained in their question, i.e., life on earth is a continuum of evolution. In this regard humans are not a unique creation but have evolved and fill a biological niche. The eminent biologist Richard Dawkins puts it this way, "If you allow your imagination to play a little game with time, and you hold out your hand and grasp the hand of your mother, who in turn, grasps the hand of her mother . . . and so on, forming a chain of individuals, each the direct descendent of the next, in less than three hundred miles, this human chain will be holding hands with our common ancestor, the chimpanzee." And the same logic applies to our connection to our other evolutionary ancestors. In fact, there is no clear line separating humans from pathogenic bacteria, as strange and disturbing as that thought may be to us and as unwieldy as that concept may be to our western philosophy and legal systems.

It is clear to the animal rights activist that we share this world with other creatures who are just as deserving of life as we are. And we humans, having the ability to feel compassion and not wishing to cause suffering or pain, look for compassionate alternatives to cruel practices whenever possible. To feel compassion and love for other beings and to avoid creating suffering for others, be they humans or nonhumans, is neither quixotic nor narrow-minded, but is the greatest of all human achievements.
Gordon B. Stull '67, V.M.D.
Tabernacle, New Jersey ■

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE, *continued from page 9*

After 1915, the College's efforts shifted from adding students, faculty, and facilities to enhancing the financial base to support them. Though conventional wisdom may hold that it ought to be the other way around, giving increased after these changes took place. Donors are more apt to support results, not rhetoric. In 1917, Thomas raised $428,000 for the endowment, and in 1920, he landed another $250,000, thus doubling endowment principal in a mere five years.

Such accomplishments both humble and encourage. As measured against them, and the risks run in pursuing them, our own plans for enrollment growth, faculty and staff expansion, facilities, and fund-raising may seem modest, the risks we run barely worthy of the name. History teaches humility. It also offers hope. More than that, it reminds us that change is constant, invigorating, and strengthening, and is not to be feared. Those who would deny these simple propositions must reckon with the legacy of John Martin Thomas. ■

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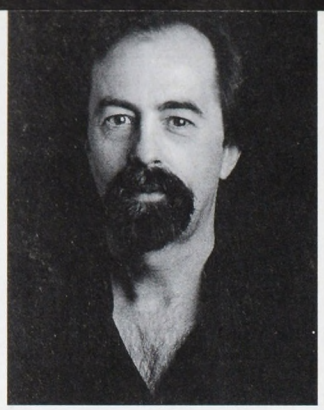

EDUCATED OPINION

By Guy Kettelhack '73

HILL'S BRAVE VOICE

I applaud Professor Robert Hill's bravery in voicing his concerns about the present and future of Middlebury College as a place committed to academic excellence.

The quantifiable advances Middlebury can lay claim to are overwhelming and seemingly inarguably positive: a healthier endowment than most institutions its size and scope can claim, a prodigiously improved and expanded physical plant, and an incredibly slick PR machine. The net effect is to have induced in us the seductive notion that we're a nanosecond away from ascending to the Number One position in *US News and World Report*'s annual college beauty pageant. But I am alive, I think, to some of Professor Hill's concerns about what real improvement means at Middlebury.

At the very least, these concerns provide the happy occasion to sing Professor Hill's praises. Perhaps I can make his impact on me most vivid by recounting his response to papers students in his (sophomore) English 202 class wrote, comparing the Matthew Arnold Poem, "Lines Written in Kensington Gardens" to Wordsworth's "Lines" ("Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey On Revisiting the Banks of the Wye During a Tour, July 13, 1798").

I was "educated"—if I can use the word—at a horrendous public high school in a small middle-class town on the south shore of Long Island. I was dazzled and frightened by Middlebury College when I arrived there in September 1969. I'd never heard of AP courses; never met people who'd gone to Choate and the "Larry" School (feeder for Princeton, I learned) and the like. Not to mention the 1600-board-score stars, most of them women, all of them brilliant and intimidating. People were turning down Wellesley and Yale to come here.

The only course of use to me in high school had been ninth grade typing. Here, suddenly, I was being called upon to compare Matthew Arnold to William Wordsworth. I did my best. I read the poems as deeply as I knew how, and wrote, painfully crossing out draft after draft of the ragged typewritten thing, as astute and heartfelt a comparison of the two poems as I knew how to make.

However, Bob Hill's glowering face as he handed the marked papers back to us did not bode well for my, or anyone else's, success as a critical thinker. He launched into (what I remember as) a diatribe about intellectual cowardice, about the bunch of goody-two-shoes after-the-gold-star wusses we had virtually all proven to be in our seeming refusal to take a *stand* about the powerful poems he had given us to read. Used to memorizing and regurgitating facts like automatons, none of us had been taught yet to read and think *critically*—with our hearts and guts as well as our minds. We had not made the kind of personal investment in reading and thinking that Professor Hill was determined we learn to make.

Ornery Bob Hill seized on any dim glimmer of "live" mind he could find and praised its aliveness. I had (and have) much more to learn about what it means to read and respond to literature with the whole self, but Dr. Hill was the first man to lead the way into the jungle. As Hill implies, the sophomore year does mark, for reasons that probably have as much to do with hormones as intellectual capacity, a crucial moment in one's intellectual evolution. Thank God I had Bob Hill's ornery brilliance to light the way for my own 19-year-old self.

By now, Bob Hill will have been attacked by any number of well-intentioned statisticians, as well as by alumni and past and present professors who—like me, perhaps like Hill himself—do probably tend to glorify the best and happiest and most productive years of their own tenures as the Golden Era of the institution at which those years were spent. I'm sure Middlebury has had, and I hope it will continue to have, many Golden Eras. But any yardstick of "academic excellence" must be calibrated to celebrate the kinds of excellence that Bob Hill, in his idiosyncratic brilliance and intuitive grasp of what it means to read and respond to literature with the whole self, has always calibrated and celebrated. Long may he continue to spread his and Wordsworth's and Yeats's word. ■

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